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Pyatakov's "confession" was thus exposed as a lie while the trial was still going on. Konrad Knudsen, a member of the Norwegian Parliament, wired Vyshinsky directly, calling his attention to the exposure which was being headlined throughout the world. Everyone waited to see how the prosecution would respond to the collapse of the frame-up. Would the defendants be freed?

Stalin, however, has his own way of reacting when caught red-handed. Trotsky told the press on January 29: "I am very much afraid that the GPU will make haste to shoot Pyatakov in order to forestall further disconcerting questions and deprive the future international commission of inquiry of the opportunity to demand further clarification from Pyatakov."

Trotsky proved correct. The very next day the trial was brought to a hasty close. And on February 1, two days after the wire to Vyshinsky, Pyatakov was precipitately killed. Dead men tell no tales.

But it was already too late. Pyatakov's "confession" had become an indelible part of the record, unshakeable proof of the frame-up. Stalin liquidated Pyatakov but he could not liquidate the "confession". Pyatakov had made. The second Moscow trial had become another damning indictment of the Stalinist regime.

EXPLAINS SILENCE

In the light of these facts it is easy to see why the Stalinist prosecution at Nuremberg today has never so much as mentioned the slanderous charge about an alleged deal between Trotsky and the Nazis, although this constituted the principal accusation in the Moscow trials. Likewise it is easy to see why the Stalinist prosecution has remained silent about Natalia Trotsky's demand that her attorney be permitted to cross-examine Rudolph Hess and the other Nazi defendants.

The Stalinists understand very well that such a cross-examination would only serve to call world attention once again to the innocence of Trotsky and the guilt of Stalin.

Youngstown CIO Council Asks Labor Nominee For Governor

(Special to The Militant)

YOUNGSTOWN, O., July 13—The Mahoning County CIO Council went on record unanimously last week urging the Ohio CIO Council to run an independent candidate for governor of Ohio.

At the primaries in May, Democratic Governor Lausche and Republican Herbert were nominated. Herbert's reputation and political bedfellows are so rotten that labor can't give a thought to supporting him. Governor Lausche has turned a deaf ear to all of labor's pleas.

During the steel strike last February, the largest union meeting ever held in Youngstown demanded unemployment compensation for striking workers. Lausche was invited to appear and explain his policy, but instead he sent a sarcastic letter saying that workers had no right to be paid for striking because it was employers who paid for compensation (from profits sweated from the workers, he failed to add).

Then a CIO Council committee from Youngstown went to Columbus and requested Lausche to call a special session of the state legislature to amend the compensation act; but he refused.

Three weeks ago Lausche called a special session of the Legislature, with 20-odd items on the agenda, not a single one of which would benefit labor, veterans or Negroes.

IMPORTANT STEPS

At this point even the less politically advanced CIO Council members saw it would be ridiculous to endorse Lausche. The Council therefore made the first important, though small, move toward a labor party, the campaign for independent labor candidates.

Resistance to this move is expected on the part of the Ohio CIO Council at its executive meeting July 14, which PAC County Chairmen will attend. Success or failure of the Youngstown move will depend almost entirely upon whether or not other County CIO Councils in Ohio also press for an independent candidate for Governor.

Most labor leaders here are very vigorous in their support of the goal of an independent candidate for governor. They know what a progressive step this is. Many feel that independent labor party results will not be far off.

Youngstown CIO In Rally Against Soaring Prices

By C. Peters

(Special to The Militant)

YOUNGSTOWN, O., July

Chicago Terror Against Negroes Fought By SWP

By Robert L. Birchman

(Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, July 12—the reign of terror against Negroes living in "for whites only" restricted covenant areas continues here unabated. Two more bombings and vandalism in which the plate glass window in a Negro-owned tavern was smashed, in addition to the attacks on the home of Dr. Cooper, took place within the space of one week.

The latest victims of the reign of terror are the Revs. Wilfred McKinley, 5755 Wentworth Ave., and Lillian Angelia McCain, 5762 Wentworth. Both of these bombings took place within a few blocks of Mrs. Grace Hardy's home, which was bombed twice, on the night of May 2 and June 25.

The fire bombs were hurled on the morning of July 4, after the vandals had been stopped in two previous attempts on the night of July 3. Rev. McKinley's garage was destroyed and the windows in his home smashed. Rev. McCain's garage, with a second floor flat, was also demolished by flames.

Rev. McKinley charged that the buildings were set afire while under police protection. There have been numerous attempts to oust Negro residents from this area where anti-Negro prejudice has been inflamed to an explosive point.

Mrs. Lillian Hill, who operates a tailor shop at 5754 Wentworth Ave., states that her windows have been broken several times. "My husband caught two white men after they had broken the windows in my store," she declared. "They were locked up. When brought to court at Stock Yards Police Station, they were dismissed after a fine of $3.50, cost of the window."

W. Isaacs, owner of a restaurant at 5730 Wentworth, reports that his windows have been broken twice.

A gasoline bomb was found in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Roberts, 5528 Wentworth, a week after vandals bombed the home of Mrs. Hardy.

Negroes who live in the area claim that police squads assigned to watch their homes and places of business, merely ride by. When they have passed, the terrorists begin their attacks.

On Saturday morning, July 5, the Stanton Avenue Police Station received a call to send a squad car to 3122 Wentworth Ave., where a plate glass window in Canary Inn, operated by Clement Hestor, was smashed by a hurled brick. Despite two policemen on duty and the arrival of the squad car, the terrorists in an old black coupe sped past the Canary Inn three times, bent on destruction. Finally the two youths in the car were arrested, Frank Nardi, 35, 240 West 24 St., and Nathan Chiaarell, 245 West 24th Place. Nardi is a police character with a long record, including an attempt to murder for which he is now on probation.

In the past several years, numerous cases of bombings, fires, shooting and destruction of property of Negroes in the vicinity between 22nd and 33rd Streets and from Wentworth to Princeton Avenues have occurred.

Eight months ago a restaurant at 3108 Wentworth, owned by a Negro, was destroyed. A church at 30th and Wells St. has been forced to have police guards for several years.

Police officials ignored the bombing of the home of 59 year-old Henry Thomas, Negro owner of a grocery at 2902 Wentworth Ave. in October 1945, despite the fact that it was the third incendiary attempt upon Thomas and his wife. A number of race-hating whites in the district boasted that "niggers will never live in that building in peace," according to the Chicago Defender.

Call Conference In Chicago

CHICAGO, July 12— The Conference to Combat Terrorism Against Minority Groups will be held on Wednesday, July 24, at the Parkway Community Center, 5120 South Parkway. The Conference was called by the Steering Committee elected at the preliminary conference on June 24, with representatives of the NAACP, Socialist Workers Party, Chicago CIO Council, Committee on Racial Equality, Chicago Council Against Racial and Religious Discrimination, and Urban League.

A conference call is being sent to all local unions, minority organizations, Negro and progressive organizations and working class political parties. The purpose of the conference is to mobilize the broadest possible forces for a campaign against the continuous wave of anti-Negro terrorism. This terrorism has received virtually no notice in the daily press, and is ignored by the police and public officials.

The conference will establish its own investigating committee to prevent official whitewashing of race-hating vandals by public officials. It will organize a united defense organization of Negro and other minority groups and the labor movement, to protect the lives and property of the Negro residents.

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Terror In Chicago District

By Robert L. Birchman

(Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, July 4—Negro-hating terrorists struck twice on the South Side in the past week.

A second attempt was made to destroy the home of Mrs. Grace Hardy, 815 West Garfield Blvd., despite the fact that the property was being guarded by a policeman.

Mrs. Hardy, a widow, has been in the hospital since May 1, when white arsonists seeking to drive her from her home in a "white" neighborhood hurled an incendiary bomb through her kitchen window. The Socialist Workers Party here exposed the facts which local authorities tried to conceal.

Last Sunday night anti-Negro vandals also set fire to the garage in the rear of the home of Dr. Eugene Cooper, 7200 Eberhart Avenue. The fire was started in a pile of dry grass on which gasoline had been poured.

The second attempt on Mrs. Hardy's home happened near midnight on June 25. John Bogan, patrolman on duty, heard a noise in the rear of the house. Upon investigation, he saw a white youth running away. Although he called the youth to halt and then fired two warning shots into the air, the arsonist escaped. The fire department was called and extinguished a fire of oily rags and paper on the back porch before much damage resulted.

Another attack on the Cooper home was made by a gang of young white hoodlums at 9:30 Monday night, while two policemen were "guarding" the house. They were watched by a crowd of an estimated two thousand white adults gathered together by Jim Crow elements trying to force the Cooper family to move from the "all-white" Park Manor neighborhood. They had spread the rumor that Mrs. Cooper had "burned the garage herself to get police protection" and that Negroes were planning to march on the neighborhood.

According to an obviously prearranged plan, the street lights were put out. Giant firecrackers and stones were thrown at the house, breaking four windows. Despite the fact that 20 squad cars had been called to the scene, no arrests were made. Investigations made in the neighborhood the following night by the Socialist Workers Party revealed that police are very friendly with the white residents and inclined to "look the other way."

Henry McGee, newly-elected president of the Chicago branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has announced that: "Together with the Chicago Industrial Union Council, CIO, the Chicago Urban League, the Socialist Workers Party, the Council Against Racial and Religious Discrimination, American Civil Liberties Union and the American Council on Race Relations we are launching a conference to Combat Terrorism Against Minority Groups in Chicago." The conference, to which all labor and progressive groups are invited, is scheduled for July 17.

San Francisco AFL, CIO Carmen Unite In Strike

(Special to The Militant)

SAN FRANCISCO, July 3—After a stirring demonstration of solidarity in their four-day street-car strike, both AFL and CIO carmen here voted today to return to work at midnight on the basis of a compromise settlement.

Platform men will receive $1.10 per hour and bus drivers, $1.15. This is 15 cents less than the scale demanded. However, if the voters at the November elections approve a special amendment to grant the strikers' demands, they will be paid retroactively to July 1.

The strike began 12:01 a.m. on June 30, when the municipally-owned street-car system was completely halted as carmen brought their cars to the barns and joined quickly-formed picket lines around the buildings.

3,000 members of the AFL Carmens Union Division 1380 and CIO Transport Workers Union Local 250 joined in striking for identical demands: $1.25 an hour for conductors and motormen and $1.30 for bus drivers. They were joined by the AFL employes of the Independent California Cable Car Company.

The AFL workers were the first to vote for strike. When their intention to strike was announced, the CIO union at a special membership meeting voted to observe all picket lines and to press for similar demands.

Despite a strike-breaking propaganda campaign of the boss press and "city fathers," the overwhelming majority of workers in this union down supported the strikers.

CIO and AFL strikers began attending each other's meetings. This was opposed by AFL leaders. But on the demand of the AFL rank and file, official joint meetings were then held.

Ship Committee Urges Conference

The ship's committee of the SS. Argentina, in a resolution published by the June 28 Pilot, organ of the CIO National Maritime Union, called on the NMU to join in the calling of a national united labor conference to fight the anti-labor forces of Big Business and its government.

In their resolution, the 88 Argentina crew representatives endorse the proposal of the CIO United Auto Workers leaders for a joint national conference of the CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods.

They urge that this conference have the broadest representation from the union ranks and that it be composed of delegates from ships, factories, councils, districts and areas meeting in a giant labor conference to set up a strong organization that will smash back any further attempt of the business and government to push through laws detrimental to labor."

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Actually, as the records of the NLRB show, unionization of the South is not just starting. Petitions for union representation elections have tripled since December.

Industrialization of the South has proceeded ever since World War I. It was accelerated during World War II. But the Southern unionization drive was held back for six years because of the wartime policies of the union leaders. Organization of the South meant a struggle, which the union leaders opposed in line with their no-strike pledge and collaboration with the government war machine.

STRIKE IMPETUS

The great strike wave and wage victories of the CIO last winter and spring has given a powerful impetus to the organization of Southern workers. Birmingham and Atlanta steel workers, ...ted Auto Workers representing the Mack Truck workers here, at its last membership meeting adopted a resolution in support of a Nat...al United Labor Conference of all unions and to initiate a ...nt action conference of local ...or organizations.

The resolution endorses the proposal for a "National Labor Conference of all unions, CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods, to formulate and carry through a program of united action on the pressing political and social problems facing labor today."

"The scope of the problems facing organized labor today demand that nation-wide, rather than local, action be taken," says the resolution.

It says "present price control methods have proven completely ineffective in maintaining a reasonable price structure and are thereby wiping out the gains for which organized labor has so bitterly fought." It also scores Truman and Congress as "increasingly reactionary in the advocating of restrictive labor legislation."

CHICAGO WORKERS FACE WHOLESALE EVICTIONS

By Bruce Oxford

(Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, July 5—Organized mass action to halt evictions, put evicted families back into their homes and withhold rents until rent increases are withdrawn, is being increasingly discussed in workers' districts here, especially in the South Side "black ghetto" where the Negro people are segegrated under the worst housing conditions and pay relatively highest rentals.

The situation facing the low-income earners, with thousands of eviction notices issued and rents soaring phenominally, has been dramatized by the case of Jeff Milton, 34-year-old Negro laborer.

Mr. Milton and his wife Emma, with their 19 month old baby, have set up housekeeping outside the La Salle St. entrance of the City Hall in Chicago. They had been evicted from their tiny two-room apartment, for following OPA advice and refusing to pay the extortionate rent the landlord demanded.

NEIGHBORS HELP

A week before the eviction, a notice had been served them and their furniture was moved into the street. Indignant neighbors, both white and colored, banded together and moved their furniture back into the apartment that same day.

The Miltons were then summoned to court, but as it was proved that they had had no hand in moving the furniture back, the case was dismissed.

There was no more trouble until a week later, when, without an eviction order, their furniture was again moved into the street. Before aroused neighbors could move the furniture back, as they had intended to do again, new tenants moved in.

That evening the Milton family with the aid of their neighbors, who had by this time formed a Jeff Milton Tenants Committee, moved their furniture and all their belongings to the City Hall. Mrs. Milton, an expectant mother, was taken to the hospital suffering from shock.

COSTLY FIRETRAP

Upon investigation, the apartment in the near-north side slum belt, one of the worst in Chicago, was found to be in dire need of repair and decorating. There was no hot water and no bath tub. The building, an old three-story red-brick structure, is a veritable firetrap with no fire escapes.

The landlord boosted the rent from $6 to $12 a week. And in addition, the apartment was shared with another tenant, paying $9 a week, making a total of $81 per month.

The case of this family has brought forth protests by several tenants' and civic organizations, which are planning to work together for the prevention of combative [illegible] whose [illegible]

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CARLO TRESCA
Member of Commission of Inquiry

cover the law of frame-ups and the mystery of the alleged Trotskyite conspiracy vanishes into thin air."

MYSTERY VANISHES

Trotsky analyzed the confessions" over which many honest people had puzzled: "It is the same with the improbable declarations of the defendants, which at first sight contradict all the laws of human psychology. Ritualistic recantations on the part of Oppositionists date back to 1924, and especially the end of 1927. If we collate the texts of these recantations on the basis of the leading Soviet press — often consecutive recantations made by the self-same individuals — we obtain a second geometric progression, the end terms of which are the nightmarish confessions of Zinoviev, Kamenev, Pyatakov, Radek and others at the judicial trials. A political and psychological analysis of this accessible and unimpeachable material wholly and conclusively reveals the inquisitorial mechanics of the recantations."

TROTSKY'S WARNINGS

Trotsky then pointed to a third type of evidence that alone is enough to expose the Moscow Trials: "To the mathematical series of frame-ups and the mathematical series of recantations there corresponds a third mathematical series — that of warnings and predictions." Far from "plotting" in the dark, Trotsky and his closest co-thinkers had "followed attentively the intrigues and provocations of the GPU and in advance, on the basis of particular facts and symptoms, warned time and again, in letters as well as in the press, against Stalin's provocative plans and against amalgams in preparation. The very expression, 'Stalinist amalgam,' was given currency by us almost eight years before the Kirov assassination and the spectacular trials which followed it.

"The relevant, documentary proofs have been placed at the disposal of the Commission of Inquiry. They show with absolute incontestability that what is involved is not an underground Trotskyite conspiracy first unearthed in some startling manner in 1936, but a systematic conspiracy of the GPU against the Opposition, with the aim of imputing to it sabotage, espionage, assassinations and the preparation of insurrections."

(To be continued)

P OF NEGRO YOUTH TED BY BAYONNE SWP

Start Defense Movement In Choice Case

BAYONNE, N. J., July 27. — The Bayonne Branch of the NAACP held a mass meeting to protest "Alabama" justice in Bayonne Wednesday night. The meeting, at Friendship Baptist Church, was attended by over 200 Negro and white people.

Dr. D. Morris, president of the local NAACP, said that "The issue involved in the NAACP fight for the defense of Mike Choice, the 19-year old Negro lad who was railroaded to a 90 day sentence on a phony 'intention to rape' a young white girl, is not one that involves only this boy. This is a fight for all minority peoples."

Rev. C. H. S. Watkins, vice-president of the local, declared, "The NAACP is going to fight this case through to the finish. We have the support of the state and national organization."

Arlene Phillips, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Congress from the 13th District, pledged complete support of the SWP to the defense of Mike Choice. The Bayonne Branch of the Socialist Workers Party had initiated the fight along with the NAACP, and had already given it wide publicity.

Mrs. Phillips stated that "Terrorists acts of this nature generally start with an individual in a particular minority and can spread to the proportions of a Columbia, Tennessee affair if they are not nipped in the bud. The best answer to the police pressure tactics is this well-attended meeting tonight. We will make Mike Choice the living answer to those who think that minorities of any type—of race, creed, color or political belief—have not the right to defend themselves through civil, economic or political means."

A joint committee of all organizations interested in the case was established to work with the NAACP in mapping out further activities.

This case has already aroused widespread interest among liberal, labor and progressive organizations in this locality, which have become aroused at the thought that "Southern Justice" is finding its way in New Jersey.

To Our Readers

The column "The Negro Struggle" which appears in this space each week, will be resumed on Charles Jackson's return from his vacation.

Condemn Police Role In Terror Against Negroes

By Robert L. Birchman
(Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, July 24. — The Conference to Combat Terrorism Against Minorities met tonight to condemn official law enforcement agencies for their failure to take any action against the mounting wave of Jim Crow terror. It demanded the abolition of "restrictive covenants," which force the Negro people into black ghettos.

The Conference, called by the NAACP, was attended by 106 delegates and about 200 observers from over 50 labor, Negro and progressive organizations. It voted to establish an Independent Public Investigating Committee to undover all the circumstances surrounding the wave of terrorism against Negroes here over the past two and a half years.

The Conference also voted to send a mass delegation to Mayor Kelly on August 5 to demand a public statement from him guaranteeing the right of Negro people to live anywhere in the city free from attack by lynch gangs.

Among the trade union delegates, there were represented 7 locals of the CIO United Automobile Workers; two locals of CIO United Transport Service Employees; CIO United Packinghouse Workers, Local 23; CIO Bakery and Confectionery Workers, Local 15; CIO Chicago Industrial Union Council; Joint Board, AFL-International Ladies' Garment Workers Union and the National Alliance of Postal Employees.

Organizations represented at the Conference were the Socialist Workers Party; Chicago and Indiana Harbor branches of the NAACP; NAACP Youth Council; Committee on Racial Equality; American Civil Liberties Union; Chicago Council Against Racial and Religious Discrimination; six chapters of the American Veterans Committee; Back of the Yards Council; Du Sable Lodge 751; International Workers Order; Chicago Civil Liberties Committee; Chicago Urban League; Workers Part; Revolutionary Workers League; and a number of church and liberal organizations.

The conference exposed the shameful do-nothing record of the police department in the wave of terrorism against the Negro people. In the past 27 months there were 59 attacks on the homes or business places of Negroes who moved into the areas outside the "black ghetto."

These attacks included 29 arson bombings, 22 cases of stoning and breaking of windows, three shootings, two stench bombings and three of house wrecking. Three people have been killed, innumerable injuries and an unknown amount of property damage suffered. Two homes were completely destroyed.

In the entire 59 cases, only four terrorists were apprehended and not one convicted. Seven cases of vandalism occurred while the police were on guard. Police were assigned to guard homes in 2 cases only after one or more terrorist acts had been committed.

The Independent Investigating Committee established by the Conference will take the following measures:

Establish the reasons for the criminal negligence of the police and other law enforcement agencies; Establish the guilt of individuals and organizations responsible for terrorist acts; Present the facts to the public and demand the punishment of all those responsible for these terrorist actions. The Conference endorsed the building of Defense Guards to protect the Negro people from attack.

The Conference endorsed the Grace Hardy Fund, established to provide Mrs. Hardy with financial assistance to maintain her home, and pledged its aid in continuing to raise the necessary funds.

Check Presented To Mrs. Grace Hardy

(Special to The Militant)

A check for $318.50 was presented by M. J. Meyer, attorney for the Steering Committee of the Conference to Combat Terrorism Against Minorities, to the attorney in charge of legal affairs for Mrs. Grace Hardy. The check pays in full the mortgage payments on Mrs. Hardy's home for the months of May, June and July. This definitely forestalls any attempt to institute closure proceedings against the house and maintains the right of Negroes to live in the neighborhood.

Mrs. Hardy's home was bombed on the night of May 2. Mrs. Hardy is still in the hospital suffering from the third degree burns she received. She is a postal clerk, widow of a World War I veteran, with two teen-age sons. As a result of her injuries she was unable to work and, thus unable to meet the payments on the house.

The Socialist Workers Party with the support of the NAACP persuaded Mrs. Hardy not to sell the house, and promised her financial aid. The total raised to date for the Grace Hardy fund, from organizations and individuals is now $383.59.

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AKRON — Visit The Militant Club, 405-6 Everett Bldg., 39 East Market St., open daily except Sunday, 2 to 4 p. m.; also Wed., 7:30-9:30.

ALLENTOWN-BETHLEHEM — Open meeting every Thursday, 8 p.m., at Militant Labor Vernon.

SAN PEDRO, Militant Publishing Assn., 1008 S. Pacific, Room 214.

MILWAUKEE — Visit the Milwaukee SWP branch, 424 E. Wells St., evenings from 7:30. Sat. night—Open house.

PORTLAND, Ore. — Visit the SWP headquarters, 134 S. W. Washington, 3rd Floor. Tel. ATwater 3992. Open 1 to 4 p.m., daily except Sunday, and 6 to 8, Tuesday, Friday, Fridays, 8 p.m., Open House and Round Table Discussion.

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Brass Hat Placed In Charge Of State Dept. To Emphasize Military Basis Of Foreign Policy

By Joseph Hansen

Truman's nomination of Gen. George C. Marshall as Secretary of State Jan. 7 to replace James F. Byrnes reflects the growing weight of the military caste in American politics and the new military preponderance of Wall Street in world affairs. For the first time in history a brass hat has been elevated to the second highest office in the land and placed in charge of Washington's foreign policy.

Marshall's activities in China are a gauge of the line he will follow elsewhere. Since V-J Day, twice as much military equipment has been handed the reactionary Chiang Kai-shek dictatorship for use in the civil war as in the eight years of the Chinese-Japanese war. While mouthing diplomatic phrases about the need for democracy in China, Marshall has backed Chiang to the hilt. Wall Street's aim is to repress the Chinese people, secure advance military bases for future attack on the Soviet Union, and open up China to American dollars.

The appointment was not accidental. It had been arranged as long ago as last May, according to Arthur Krock of the N. Y. Times (Jan. 9). It was obviously timed for the March "Peace" Conference in Moscow when the vital question of Germany's disposition comes up on the agenda of the Allied Powers.

"Undoubtedly," said Krock, "the President considered the effect on other nations, especially Soviet Russia, of the choice of a professional military man for his premier."

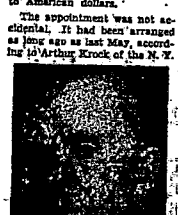
Although Marshall was twice decorated by Stalin with the Order of Suvarov, he was not selected as a gesture of conciliation toward the Kremlin. No matter what tactics Marshall follows, the appointment means, as the conservative Business Week observed Jan. 11, "a shift in emphasis in foreign policy, puts a new force behind moves to have control of the military basis of that policy."

On the chess board of international politics, Wall Street has advanced the piece that will most clearly indicate its readiness to resort to military force. Marshall is the outstanding spokesman of the military caste in charge of stock-piling atomic bombs and coordinating the armed forces of the Western Hemisphere and Great Britain. As head of this caste, Marshall is the logical choice to determine what can, and what cannot, be conceded at the "peace" table in the light of Wall Street's blueprints for World War III.

Marshall's views can be judged from the report on the war which he issued after V-J Day. (See The Militant, Oct. 20, 1945.) Truman does find the solution for world "peace," said the general cynically, "it will be the most revolutionary reversal of his record we have ever known." Looking forward to another slaughter, Marshall said there is no effective defense except the "power of attack." He advocated a huge military force to come to "close grips with the enemy and only operating bases and his productive establishment away from him."

The Senate, of course, unanimously backed the nomination of this war-monger, suspending normal procedure to demonstrate how solidly both Republicans and Democrats support a foreign policy that is part and parcel of the preparations for the next blood bath.

(See editorial, "Marshall Appointment," on Page 4.)



GENERAL MARSHALL

Marshall's Attitude To Labor Movement

General Marshall's attitude toward labor is not widely known. One sign of the new Secretary of State's talent for diplomacy is the care with which he has kept this attitude off the record.

But in December 1943 when the railway workers were considering a strike to gain decent wages, General Marshall could not resist stealing them a blow. In a widely reported press conference he denounced their struggle as "the damnedest crime that was ever committed against America" and said it would give Goebbels "a psychological lift."

GREEN OF AFL INTERVENES AGAINST STRIKE IN L. A.

By Harry Thompson

(Special to The Militant)

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 12 — AFL President William Green has intervened against the militant strike of 6,000 members of the AFL Retail Food Clerks in this area by backing the strikebreaking efforts of AFL Teamsters President Daniel Tobin and Teamsters Vice-President Dave Beck.

Green's intervention came as the employers front gave signs of cracking. Employers in the San Pedro area have signed a contract granting the Food Clerks demand for $60 for a forty-hour week. This is a $20 raise. Union leaders in Long Beach and Orange County have accepted a compromise agreement of $58 for a forty-hour week.

Strikers in all other areas in and around Los Angeles are holding out for the $60 for a 40-hour week rate. Joseph Destivo, Secretary of Food Clerks Local 770, covering the Los Angeles, Burbank and Pasadena areas, said: "We are further away now than we were when we broke off our talks the last time. There will be no further negotiations until the employers are willing to negotiate in good faith."

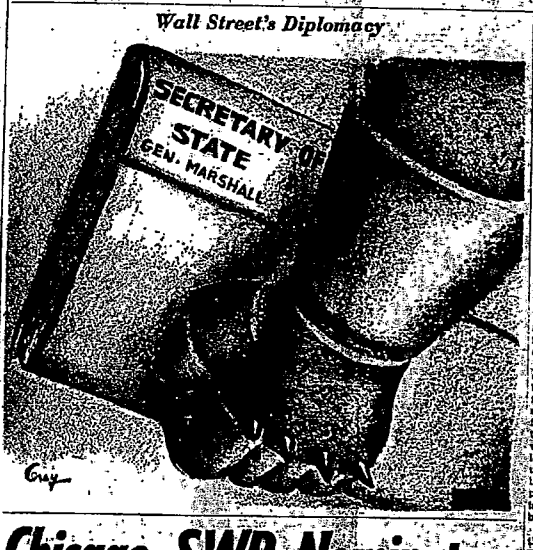
Green came in the aid of the big chain store magnates who are fighting the Food Clerks union when he sent a telegram to last Monday night's meeting of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, stating:

"I deem it advisable to officially direct that your local AFL council refrain from participating in this strike. Perfectly all right to use your good offices to promote settlement."

This action followed a series of statements against the strike issued by Beck from the Seattle office in the name of Tobin. On January 9 he declared in the boss press that, "by continuing their walkout in defiance of rules and regulations of the American Federation of Labor, food clerks in Southern California are inviting heavy lawsuits against their unions."

Support is growing for the striking food clerks. Central Labor Councils of Santa Monica and Kern County have voted support, as well as the Los Angeles CIO Council. The Los Angeles Central Labor Council voted in accordance with Green's telegram and elected a three-man committee to assist in the food clerks' negotiations.

Wall Street's Diplomacy



Chicago SWP Nominates Two For City Elections

By Robert L. Birchman

(Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, Jan. 14—The Chicago Local of the Socialist Workers Party has announced the candidacy of Michael Bartell for Mayor and Homer Lewis, militant Negro worker, for Third Ward Alderman.

An enthusiastic meeting of members and friends of the SWP last week mapped out plans for a vigorous campaign on behalf of the SWP banner-bearers of revolutionary socialism in the elections.

In a statement on the issues and candidates, the SWP declared: "The Socialist Workers Party has named Michael Bartell as its candidate for Mayor. We place him before the workers of Chicago as a man who represents their interests and not the interests of the capitalists. No candidate can represent both.

"If the labor movement of Chicago—the CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods—will put forward its own candidate, who is not a candidate of either the Republican or Democratic Parties, we will gladly withdraw our candidate in favor of him and give our complete support to the election of a labor mayor for Chicago."

The statement pointed out that the naming of a new candidate, Martin Kennelly, by the Democratic Party is "an effort to escape the rising tide of resentment against the corrupt, anti-labor Kelly machine" by putting "a new face on this rotting hulk." It condemns those union leaders and liberals who are supporting Kennelly as "a friend of labor." Kennelly, the SWP shows, is "completely tied up with Big Business. He is the owner of Kennelly-Werner Bros. Co. He is also a director of Wilson & Co., one of the Big Four of the meat trust."

The Republican candidate, Rook, is a "perfect tere" and "hand-picked tool of Governor Green and the Republican Party, whose anti-labor record is known to every informed worker."

Homer Lewis, SWP candidate for Alderman in the Third Ward, has already been voted support by the Committee on Racial Equality (CORE) at its last meeting. Leading CORE members have pledged to campaign actively for Lewis as the only candidate who will really represent the interests of the Negro people.

Strike Halts Run Of All But Two French Papers

PARIS, Jan. 10 — A general strike of French printers has completely paralyzed the country's newspaper industry during the past two days. Of all French language publications only the Trotskyist weekly La Verite and the daily Franc Tireur have been permitted to appear by special permission of the committee. Several foreign language publications have also been permitted to go to press. But the rest of the press, including "Socialist" Populaire and Stalinist L'Humanite, were stopped.

The strike was preceded for several days by a slowdown action of the printers who demand a wage raise of 100 francs a day. The government-subsidized publishers association then locked out the Paris printers and a country-wide general strike of printers followed. Save for the exceptions mentioned, all newsstands have been bare for the last two days.

The Blum government is said to have inspired the lockout, fearing the fate of its 5 per cent price-cutting program. The printers' strike, taking place at the same time as a wage dispute between the civil service workers' union and the government, thus jeopardizes the government itself.

The Stalinists have publicly announced their support of the government. When the printers struck last year, they openly acted as strikebreakers. Only La Verite and Franc-Tireur upheld the strikers then, which accounts for these exceptions.

UAW Local Names 3 To Run For City Council In Chicago

(Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, Jan. 14—Rovere Cooper & Brass Local 477, CIO United Automobile Workers, has set up a committee for an Independent Labor Party and is running three union candidates for Aldermen in the city elections next month.

The candidates are Frank Wesolowski, union steward, running in the 32nd Ward; Sam Manza, 477 recording secretary, in the 26th Ward; and Charles Chiakulas, 477 president, in the 35th Ward.

Local 477 has long favored a labor party. Now it is implementing its policy by initiating action to advance the movement for a labor party. Its action is also a protest against the false policy of the PAC which last November endorsed the Democratic ticket almost in entirety.

At a meeting of the CIO Council here on Dec. 18, Chiakulas demanded support for the three union candidates. He told the Council that "it is high time that we offer our people the leadership on the political plane that they have been so desperately seeking. The only way that labor is going to offer this leadership is through an independent Labor Party."

Despite attempts of the Council leaders to sidetrack the issue, the delegates passed a motion to call a special executive meeting to formally endorse the labor candidates.

For the last several weeks, Local 477 members have been working hard to obtain the necessary signatures for the nominating petitions.

This is regarded as the beginning of a battle to push the CIO Political Action Committee here into genuine independent political action. Indications are that CIO Council officials will propose endorsing the Democratic candidate, Martin Kennelly, who is connected with the meat packing trust.

Pro-Labor Party forces intend to fight for an independent labor candidate for mayor backed by the CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods.

80th Congress Begins Assault Against Labor

Aims Bills To Break Backbone Of Unions

Wall Street's political agents devoted the first week of the 80th Congress to loading the legislative hopper with bills designed to smash the labor movement.

Truman told Congress the wanted laws to prevent jurisdictional strikes, bar secondary boycotts and the use of economic force by labor in replying to employers' violations of contracts.

Rep. Francis Case, Republican of South Dakota, introduced a bill to legalize the use of the federal injunction to break strikes; provide stiff penalties for whatever actions of employers the courts interpret as coercion, violence or seizure of property; legalize filing of charges against unions; bar unions from financing political activities; and compel a 60-day "cooling off" period for any strikes not otherwise banned.

A similar bill introduced in the Senate by Ball of Minnesota, Taft of Ohio and Smith of New Jersey also prohibits industry-wide bargaining." Ball introduced another bill to outlaw the closed shop, the union shop and maintenance of membership provisions in agreements.

This assault on the unions went virtually unopposed in Congress, since the trade unions, despite 15,000,000 members, are divided on the political field; and consequently do not have a single representative in Congress to defend labor's rights against the Big Business politicians.

Senators Draft Bill To Demolish Rent Ceilings

A sweeping bill to abolish all rent controls by Feb. 1 was introduced on Jan. 9 by Democratic Senator W. Lee O'Daniel of Texas. It is co-sponsored by three Republican senators.

The bill was referred to the Senate Banking Committee where one of its members, PAC-endorsed Democratic Senator Taylor of Idaho, immediately declared himself in favor of "relaxing" rent controls and for "reasonable rent increases."

Just the day before, owners of hotels, motor courts and trailer camps received over a government order, effective Feb. 15, removing all rent ceilings on rooms rented by the day. This will mean rent hikes for hundreds of Chicago's forced to live in transient residences because of the housing shortage.

This is the latest of a series of Administration concessions to landlords that are whittling away at rent ceilings and controls. By Jan. 5, the OPA had granted landlords rent boosts on more than a million dwelling units. Individual rent increases are being granted at the rate of between 20,000 to 30,000 a month.

Under Truman's recent housing decontrol order, Housing Expediter Creedon has allowed landlords to boost rents through "service charges," "remodeling" and other slick devices.

Truman has paved the way for an all-out Congressional assault on rent control by his recent order wrecking the low-cost, low-rent housing program. This order allows all building materials to be channelled into the non-residential and luxury market, thus guaranteeing a continued shortage in low-cost, low-rent dwellings.

Human Needs Ignored In Budget Proposals

By Art Preis

Six times as much money for war as for the needs of the people! That is what Truman asks the government to spend in 1948 in his proposed 37½ billion dollar budget.

For Army, Navy and other military expenditures, directly listed for military purposes, Truman demands an outlay of 11½ billion dollars.

For all forms of social security, health, housing and education, his budget provides less than two billion dollars.

The military budget does not include 444 million dollars for the atom bomb, which is listed under "natural resources not primarily agricultural" and given the innocent-sounding title: "Development and control of atomic energy."

It does not include 643 million for military rule of "conquered lands. This comes under "Foreign Relief," subtitle, "War Department (occupied countries)."

Some Contrasts In The Budget

Among revealing contrasts in Truman's new war budget are the following:

For military-Naval research, excluding the atom bomb, a total of 530 million dollars. For Public Health research, a total of 17 million.

For "research and development" of Chemical Warfare, 5 million dollars. For "research into the cause, diagnosis and treatment" of cancer, $1,300,000.

Army ordnance research gets 40 million dollars. Research into cause and treatment of mental disease, $78,950.

BURIED ITEMS

Scores of other "little items" for war preparations are buried under headings like "Transportation and Communication." Here the War Department gets 120 million dollars, the Navy 113 million for "operation and maintenance of transportation," and 75 million for "maintenance of transportation equipment."

Twice as much will be spent in 1948 to develop bigger and better atom bombs as for "housing and community facilities." Housing will receive only 225 million dollars. The estimated expenditures in 1948 for new dwellings will be less than half of the housing budget for 1947.

The atom bomb will take five times the total of 88 millions to be spent for "education and general research." It will take three times the amount allocated in the budget for "promotion of public health."

The 37½ billion dollars in Truman's budget is four times the total federal expenditures in 1939. At least 40 per cent of this monumental budget is for war preparations, direct and hidden.

The next biggest group of expenditures would go mainly into the coffers of the bankers and industrial monopolists. This includes five billion dollars annual interest on the federal debt of 260 billions; over two billions in veterans' benefits; 113 million for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and 75 million for the Export-Import Bank.

Paying out of the meat year 1948, on the basis of Truman's budget, with a federal debt of 260 billion dollars. This is nearly the value of all wealth in the United States, including land.

The federal debt next year will be only 200 millions less than this year. At that rate, it will be paid off in about 1,200 years. Now there is an average of $1,843 of federal debt for every man, woman and child in the United States. Next year it will be $13 less—if no new debts are added.

Truman, in his budget message, piously said: "We have not yet done enough to secure good health for the Nation . . . adequate education and housing." His answer is to call for a "peacetime" war budget ten times greater than in 1939.

Toronto Trotskyist Gets 3,201 Votes For Mayor

(Special to The Militant)

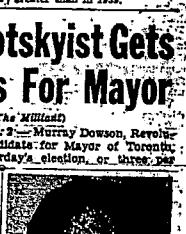
TORONTO, Canada, Jan. 9 — Murray Dowson, Revolutionary Workers Party candidate for Mayor of Toronto, polled 3,201 votes in yesterday's election, or three per cent of the total vote cast.

This encouraging vote was cast despite the fact that the electorate is restricted by the reactionary Ontario Municipal Act to owners or tenants of property assessed at over $400. Moreover it was won in the face of the biggest red-baiting campaign ever conducted by Bay Street and its political stooges.

The Tory, Saunders, with the backing of the Conservative, Liberal and Stalinist machines, was re-elected Mayor with some 83,000 votes; Saunders was responsible for use of police in recent strikes.)

The straight anti-administration vote went to the other capitalist candidate for Mayor, Hearn, a retired stockbroker and monetary reformer, who spent thousands of dollars on leaflets, newspaper ads, billboards and radio time, but received only 9,402 votes.

The Cooperative Commonwealth Federation, which ran candidates without the party label in a number of wards, for the minor offices of aldermen and Board of Education Trustee, was badly defeated. The Stalinist Labor Progressive Party which likewise ran no candidate for Mayor, was the main butt of the red-baiting campaign.



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This election campaign represented an important step for unity for the RWP, which was formed only three months ago. For the first time Canadian Trotskyists were able to bring their program to the workers over the radio. The Toronto Branch and its friends distributed over 20,000 copies of its program and 3,000 copies of Labor Challenge, as well as a series of factory gates and elsewhere.

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Vladimir Romm had testified Sedov took him at the end of July 1933 to the "Bois de Boulogne" in Paris where he met Trotsky. Then said Romm, Trotsky told him about the "need" for terrorism, wrecking, diversion and defeatism, and gave him a book with a letter concealed in the cover for delivery to defendant Radek. The Commission proved, however, that this was a tissue of lies since neither Sedov nor Trotsky were anywhere near Paris. Vyshinsky made no attempt to obtain the police record of Trotsky's whereabouts in France at the time specified. The reason was clear. Trotsky was at St. Palais in the South of France.

The Commission's inquiry into the "confessions" was alone enough to shatter the clumsy frame-up. But it went further. The Commission found the charge of sabotage "not only not proved but not credible." All the evidence corroborated Trotsky's contention that the delays, disproportions, extravagance, etc. which the accused confessed were due to sabotage, are the chronic diseases of Soviet industry; that they are due to haste, overreaching, inefficiency, etc.; and that the explation of these shortcomings by scapegoats is a usual method of whitewashing the regime."

CHARGES PREPOSTEROUS

On the charge of "agreements with foreign powers," the Commission found: "Our study of the trial records convinces us that Trotsky is fully justified in contending that the counter-revolutionary activity ascribed to him is characterized by an extraordinary stupidity. On the other hand, we find that his whole public activity, including his voluminous writings, has followed a consistent theoretical line throughout his long career, and that line is diametrically opposed to the activity ascribed to him in the two Moscow trials.

"We do not presume to judge the aims to which he has devoted himself, or the methods by which he has pursued those aims. But we can and do state that his career has been that of a man of extraordinary intelligence and ability. To believe that his prodigious public activity was intended merely to cloak conspiratorial enterprises as stupid, inept and feeble as those ascribed to him in the trials, would be to abandon any claim to common sense. We therefore hold the charge of conspiracy with foreign powers to be not only proved, but preposterous."

In conclusion the Commission proved that exacting "confessions" by torture was common procedure under Stalin and had been for a number of years before the infamous frame-up trials. "In the light of all this evidence the conclusion appears inevitable that the indictments and confessions in the widely publicized series of trials of alleged plotters against the Soviet regime were determined in each case — including the trials of August 1936 and January 1937 — by the current internal diff-

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Chicago AVC Chapter Backs Resolution On Defense Guard

By Robert L. Birchman
(Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, Aug. 1—The resolution on the need for a defense organization to prevent further vigilante violence against minorities, which had been introduced at the Conference to Combat Terrorism Against Minorities was endorsed with only two abstaining votes by Chapter 16, American Veterans Committee at its meeting yesterday. The resolution, presented by the Socialist Workers Party, had been referred by the Conference to all affiliated organizations so that they could discuss and express their opinions on it.

The resolution begins by pointing out the failure of the Police Department to give protection to those Negro families who broke through the iron wall of restrictive covenants confining them to the "black ghetto." Then it declares:

"The fight against these reactionary terrorist and the defense of their intended victims is the direct concern, not only of all minority groups, but also of the labor movement, since the victory of race hatred would divide the ranks of labor and encourage the fascist-minded vigilantes to launch their assaults against the unions." The resolution concludes:

"That this conference recognizes the need for the establishing of a defense organization by the powerful labor movement in cooperation with minority and progressive organizations as the only effective means of protecting minority groups against terrorist attacks, such a defense organization to be similar in its functions to the present system of flying squads developed by the unions in strikes, that is, mobile and ready for action the moment a life or home is threatened, and prepared to establish rotating, permanent guards wherever necessary to protect the right of Negroes and other minorities to live in freedom from fear wherever they please in the city of Chicago."

Chapter 16 of the AVC also voted to contribute $10 to the Grace Hardy Fund.

The Hardy home is now being prepared and will be ready for occupancy by Sept. 1. The Steering Committee of the Conference to Combat Terrorism is now soliciting tenants among Negro veterans who are volunteering to move into the house and thus defeat the attempts of the terrorists to force Negroes out of the immediate community.

To date $350 has been placed at the disposal of the Investigating Committee established by the Conference to be offered as a reward for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of any one guilty of terrorist acts against the Negro people in Chicago. The American Civil Liberties Union offered $250 and the Chicago Urban League $100.

A mass meeting is being organized by the Socialist Workers Party for Fri., Aug. 16 at Abraham Lincoln Center, 700 East Oakwood Blvd., to protest the KKK lynch wave nationally and the wave of terrorism in Chicago.

Among the speakers will be Milton Richardson, SWP candidate for Lieutenant-Governor of New York and M. Bartell, Chicago SWP organizer.

Toledo Labor Prepares United Political Action

TOLEDO, O., Aug. 2 — A meeting of representatives of the CIO, AFL, MESA, Railroad Brotherhoods and veterans organizations, held here Tuesday evening, decided to form a permanent committee of all Toledo labor for the purpose of taking united political action.

The meeting was called by the Toledo Area Council of Railroad Workers, and was chaired by Council President Timothy J. McCormick, Jr. McCormick, speaking for his organization, presented a resolution containing "a minimum program on which all Toledo labor organizations could unite."

The Toledo Area Council of Railroad Workers is already on record for the formation of a Labor Party. However, agreement on this question was not and is not a condition for joining in this united labor conference. The question of whether to form a Labor Party or to support capitalist "friends of labor" will be left open, with the participants to the body being free to choose their own course regarding endorsement of candidates.

In addition to the leaders of the Toledo Area Council of Railroad Workers, Richard Gosser, CIO United Auto Workers Regional Director; Franz Berlacher, of the AFL Teamsters; Weisenborn, of the MESA, and spokesmen for many Locals and Lodges of the railroad crafts spoke in favor of the move for united action of all Toledo labor in the political field.

Many speakers also expressed their agreement with the proposal of the Toledo Area Council of

Correction

Last week's report on the Conference to Combat Terrorism Against Minorities was erroneously edited to give the impression that the Conference endorsed a resolution calling for the building of Defense Guards to protect the Negro people from attack. Actually as the adjoining article makes clear, the Conference, after debate and defeat of a motion to table the resolution

ex-Pinkerton fink and railroad dick, would have acted the same way even if the Ferguson brothers had been white. He also said that, in his opinion, it would not be possible to convict the cop of murder if Romelks was tried. The Governor, anxious to cover up the criminal acts of his Republican henchmen in Nassau County, quickly accepted the report, and declared the case "closed."

With this outrageous action, Governor Dewey publicly revealed his genuine attitude toward the Negro people. His whitewash of the Freeport murders is part and parcel of the nation - wide wave of terror against the Negro people. In the South, political representatives of the Bourbons like Rankin, Eastland, Bilbo and Talmadge incite lynchings. In the North, political representatives of Big Business like Governor Dewey cover up the terror waged by racial bigots.

But this is not the end of the now-famous Ferguson case. The Negro and white workers of New York will remember these brothers as victims of capitalist rule. The whitewash of Romelks is one more proof that the workers cannot hope for economic, social and political equality until they drive out the capitalist machine politicians and put their own representatives in office.

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Jake," I said, "You'll make close to ollars tonight on the keeper's job; count- time and a half and the six cent shift- tal. That'll help a little."

It'll go a little way. Well," he went on, we're about caught up now, and this'll e bit ahead. I figure on putting a down on a suit if I can get one. I ain't had s in I don't know when, and all my e getting ragged."

nd I talked a few moments longer. He lasses in their case. I knocked out my we went out to work.

d a bad night last night. The iron running during cast, and we had to into the tapping hole. Then, when we the hole opened up again, we thought front of the furnace was coming out. ran right over the top of the runner s the floor down at the third gate, ake away from there so that he ran over. And coke! The coke poured out rnace like a coke oven battery. It was ou couldn't get anywhere near the hem, to make it complete. we had to after cast and change two tuyeres.

ive o'clock in the morning I decided her or not I finished my work. I was eat my lunch, so I walked almost into the shanty. Jimmy was already eaming with sweat, chewing a sand- quarreling wearily with the blower. ll dead tired.

ist opened my coffee bottle when Jake ame in. I felt sorry for Jake, knowing he felt, since the rest of us were all and he had been there eight hours n we had. But more was bothering just exhaustion.

he said to me with a funny grin. He his glasses. They were broken, both ouldn't you know it!" he said.

at the glasses and at Jake. "Will it to fix them?" I asked.

dollars apiece. Sixteen dollars."

staring me in the eye with that queer "Wouldn't that beat you!" he said. that beat you!"

GI Dreams

His parents died when he was very he was skimping along on $15 a week ry store clerk when he was drafted. if he found a school that offers the sought or if he found a house to live i like to know how he pays his rent, od and gets a new pair of shoes once on $65 a month.

one man in the squad that we will from again. He was drafted out of ll. He hated the officers, his draft the whole rotten system that put him

We spent many hours together on r and he told me about the coal town is family lived and about the bloody father was in when Tony was a kid.

subject shifted to the first strike turing the "sit-downs" in the thirties first met Tony he didn't know much tics but it wasn't long before he the working man must take political his own hands. One day at the air- e Nancy, France, a piece of shrapnel y between the eyes and killed him instantly.

now whether Stanley has his filling Connors his school. What I really ugh, is that Tony couldn't see the hting shoulder to shoulder with the- eat the coal operators and the steel- heir knees. I'm sure it would have r a great deal of suffering.

Kaiser

d right. You can't equip a barn with l wings and expect it to fly across the Kaiser's first flying barn is still on

close of the war, the newly-made entered the automobile business. The again rewarded his spirit of dare after got the enormous Willow Run h had been built out of public funds war.

issued 1,700,000 shares of common and began dumping the slit-edged n unsuspecting public at $10 a share. e paid off so well that Kaiser decided repeat. This time he palmed off 1,- ditional $1 shares of common stock

two deals, Kaiser sold $57,000,000 tock. Yet he has neither machinery make cars nor steel for bodies or

e only the highlights in the remark- Henry J. Kaiser. But they are suffi- veal his secret. All it takes to become re is to pinch pennies, work long and ask the boss for a raise — and make italist government runs the country.

The Law

littee on Elections is "nothing it A Department of Justice official says 28 N. Y. Times; admits "no positive be taken unless "information indicat- ons of law" is received. "Besides, s, "they'd have to get a grand jury ppi to indict a man"—"a jury of 12 true Mississippi white men."

he Supreme Court made its ruling, nt of April 15, 1944, warned "A hund- ne Court rulings alone would not pre- ust, the actual means whereby the white ruling class maintains its and power . . . the law of gun, club, burning faggot. The government will

Is Part Of Wall Street Dri

Rich Eat Cake; Urge Cut In Diet Of Poor Families

By Winifred Nelson

(Special to The Militant)

ST. PAUL, June 24—While Twin Cities workers last week conserved food to help the starving of other countries, the rich overstuffed themselves on cake and delicacies.

Minneapolis families last Tuesday were urged to eat "starvation dinners" of scalloped potatoes, radishes, green onions—257 calories for adults and 450 calories for children—and send the money saved to the mayor's food collection committee for aid to the hungry people of Europe and Asia.

LAVISH WEDDING

In contrast, the very next day the lavish wedding of millionaire contractor and shipyard operator Robert Butler's daughter in suburban St. Paul was written up in the local press, with pictures of a huge wedding cake. The story reported: "A half-dozen caterer's trucks were parked on the circular driveway this morning with workers busily unloading delicacies."

One individual wrote in to the mail bag of Minneapolis Star Journal questioning the wisdom of this policy of "starvation meals" for the workers who produce the wherewithal to help feed the world. The results of an experiment conducted with a group of conscientous objectors at the University of Minnesota last sumer bear out the demoralizing effect of "starvation diets."

These human guinea pigs were subjected to a diet of some 1,000 calories a day (the amount necessary to keep alive a man in bed who does not work) over a short-term period. Men who took part in the starvation regiment lost one-quarter of their body substance during the early days of the experiment and subsequently were "reconditioned"—but NOT YET have they regained their pre-diet strength, according to a recent report of Dr. Ancel Keys, head of the university's laboratory of psychological hygiene. Dr. Keys, who examined the men, stated: "Our studies indicate that complete restoration to full vigor has not yet been effected."

RICH WASTE FOOD

Workers of the Twin Cities, like workers all over the United States, want to help the starving people of other countries. But when the rich waste food that the poor are urged to conserve, the whole project becomes "starve to help the rich grow fatter!"

Bay City S.W.P. Fights Sales Tax

(Special to The Militant)

SAN FRANCISCO, June 24 — The Socialist Workers Party branch here today submitted a statement to the Board of Supervisors meeting tomorrow, voicing strong opposition to the proposed city retail sales tax to finance "improvements to the city's properties."

The statement says "we are firmly opposed to a sales tax in any form, which adds to the heavily strained budgets of the working people. This tax instead should be placed upon Big Business and the higher income brackets where it belongs. With the sky-rocketing cost of living adding pennies, nickels and dimes to every article and service needed by the workers, the city should take steps to ease their burden rather than add an additional weight."

TAX HURTS WORKERS

This proposed sales tax, the SWP discloses is designed to enable big real estate owners to get reduced property tax rates and improvements to enhance the value of their properties at the expense of the workers and small-property owners.

Asking where the workers are to get the money for sales taxes without scrimping on their daily needs, the statement points out that 70 per cent of the population with low incomes, have lit-

Victim Of Chicago Bombing

Mrs. Grace Hardy has been in a hospital since May 1, when anti-Negro terrorists threw an incendiary bomb through the window of her home. Suffering from severe and painful burns, Mrs. Hardy is still fighting courageously for her right to live in the "white" neighborhood. The full story of the bombing was exposed recently by Mike Bartell, Socialist Workers Party organizer in Chicago.

Racial Terror In Chicago Arouses Defense Movement

By Robert L. Birchman

(Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, June 28 — A call for a broad united front conference to combat terrorism against minority groups in Chicago is being sent to all local unions, Negro organizations, progressive groups and working class political organizations.

The conference call was inspired by the wave of terrorism against the Negro people, climaxed by the incendiary bombing of the home of Mrs. Grace Hardy, a Negro widow. This attempt to drive her out of a "white" neighborhood was exposed by the Socialist Workers Party here.

Plans will be formulated to demand an end to the intolerable and miserable housing conditions that exist in the "black ghetto" and to immediately end restrictive covenants.

The decision to call the broad conference was made Wednesday by a steering committee elected at a previous conference attended by representatives of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, CIO Chicago Industrial Union Council, Council Against Religious and Racial Discrimination; Chicago Urban League, Socialist Workers Party, American Civil Liberties Union, and CORE (Committee on Racial Equality).

The conference established the "Grace Hardy Fund", so that she will be able to meet the payments on her home, to ensure that Negroes have the right to live in the house. The following organizations have already contributed to the fund: NAACP, $100; Urban League, $100; Socialist Workers Party, $50.

Readers of The Militant are asked to send contributions. Mrs. Hardy, badly burned, has been confined to the hospital for seven weeks and will be there indefinitely. Unless she receives immediate financial assistance, she will lose her home. That was the aim of the white terrorists. Contributions should be sent to the "Grace Hardy Fund," c/o NAACP, 3458 S. State St., Chicago 16, Ill.

A committee selected by the first conference called on Police Commissioner Prendergast. The committee included Michael Mann, CIO; Homer Jack, Council against Religious and Racial Discrimination; Rev. Joseph Evans, Metropolitan Community Church; Michael Bartell, Socialist Workers Party (SWP); and Henry McGhee, NAACP.

The committee informed Prendergast that the progressives and the labor movement were aroused over the Grace Hardy atrocity and numerous previous ones in which the police failed to investigate and apprehend the criminals responsible.

It was pointed out by Henry McGhee, NAACP president, that in the past two and a half years there have been 27 bombings of Negro homes and numerous acts of vandalism, window smashing, shootings and threats against Negroes who have attempted to break out of the ghetto by moving into restrictive covenant areas.

Michael Mann, secretary of the Chicago CIO Council, said: "These damnable outrages have got to stop. This matter has been brought to the attention of the police, and if no action is taken by the police to protect citizens, the CIO will raise plenty of hell. No white-washings will be made of this deal and no punches will be pulled."

Henry McGhee, speaking for the NAACP said, "Some immediate action must be taken to stop this reign of terror against Negroes who are trying to find places to live. Adequate protection must be given Negro families moving into so-called white neighborhoods."

Mike Bartell Speaks On Hardy Bomb Case

CHICAGO, June 28. — A public meeting of the Socialist Workers Party here last Tuesday evening heard Michael Bartell, Chicago SWP organizer, describe the firebombing of Mrs. Grace Hardy's home and the SWP investigation which broke the official conspiracy of silence around this case of anti-Negro terrorism.

Comrade Bartell pointed out that the police department has demonstrated that it cannot be depended on to protect adequately Negroes moving into restrictive covenant areas. He urged the labor movement to organize defense guards to protect the lives of courageous Negroes who exercise their inalienable right to live where they please and who move into so-called "white" neighborhoods.

The audience contributed $117 to aid the SWP's campaign for action in the Hardy case. Six workers applied for party membership.

Los Angeles Readers!

The Los Angeles Committee of the American Committee for European Workers' Relief will hold a

Picnic at Reseda Park

first of what [illegible] versal fear of Wall Street's military might. Three weeks ago The Militant pointed out that "experts see no scientific value in the Bikini test." "These maneuvers," said The Militant, "are clearly part of Wall Street's preparations for a Third World War that will surpass anything yet seen in destruction and slaughter."

Two weeks ago The Militant declared that the Bikini demonstration was timed to coincide with the Paris Conference of Foreign Ministers as part of a "ruthless power play against the Soviet Union." "The Paris conference table at which Byrnes sits," continued The Militant, "will be lighted up by the frightful glare of the atomic bomb explosion at Bikini." The demonstration of military force was designed to back up Byrnes in bargaining with Molotov.

This analysis has now been confirmed by dispatches from London. The British imperialists, in the words of a June 29 report to the N. Y. Times, are "acutely interested in the effect of the tests on the current diplomatic situation and particularly on the relations between the western powers and the Soviet Union."

OFFICIAL ADMISSIONS

How accurately The Militant sized up the Bikini demonstration can be judged from the following admissions in the London dispatch mentioned above: "In official quarters here the greatest importance is attached to the tests. A Government spokesman declared that, although the tests seem far off to the general public, they represented in reality the most significant event in recent months and were indissolubly bound up with the future peace of the world.

"The authoritative view in Britain is that, apart from their ultimate importance in case there should be an atomic war, the tests are bound to have major repercussions on the relations between Russia and the West."

Leading scientists continued to point out that the demonstrations have no scientific value. Their conclusions blast sky-high Washington's official lie that the explosion of the bomb was solely in the interest of scientific knowledge.

Dr. L. Du Bridge of the California Institute of Technology voiced the opinion of most atomic physicists when he declared "the tests have been hastily conceived; their results can be predicted in advance and will bring no military or scientific value."

Senator Scores Bikini "Tests" As Step To War

How the Bikini atomic bomb demonstration fits into the drift toward World War III was graphically described by Senator Huffman, Ohio on June 14. Protesting the Bikini demonstration, the Senator declared:

"In future wars guided missiles in the form of robombs with atomic warheads, traveling 100,000 miles an hour, will arch through the stratosphere so far above even our Air Forces that they will be beyond the reach of any kind of radar detection and defense.

"Since there is no foreseeable defense whatever against such an attack in future wars, the proposed Bikini tests pale into insignificance. As a matter of fact, defense against atomic weapons of the future appears so futile that these experiments which even contemplate atomic war are sheer madness . . .

"The only important impression these tests are going to give the world is that the United States is not done with war. What more logical conclusion can be drawn from a gaudy show that is advertised and headlined as the most stupendous military spectacle in history."

How Atomic Energy Can Free The World Under Socialism

The crisis of capitalism is epitomized in the development of atomic energy. The scientists have made available a colossal new source of power. Even at the present stage of development in 15 years they calculate atomic power plants could replace all existing sources of energy. In the sixteenth year this inexhaustible source of power could be doubled since the production of fissionable material proceeds at a geometric rate.

The benefits of atomic energy if given free development exceed the most optimistic imagination. In addition to freeing humanity from billions of man-hours of labor, atomic energy makes possible solution of many secrets that have hitherto baffled science. Dread diseases such as cancer could be wiped from the earth. Man's normal life span could be prolonged.

The great riddles of the universe, such as the relation between matter and energy, the birth of stars and planetary systems and their life cycle could be unlocked.

Above all, mankind could win unlimited leisure. The mind's best energies could be devoted to the problem of improving existence and making life a joy from childhood to old age.

Capitalism has made all this possible. But these stirring possibilities are only the promised land, and one that will never be seen under capitalist rule. Instead, the capitalist class has turned atomic energy into destructive channels.

The atomic bomb is just the beginning. The Admirals and Generals are now working on radio-active gases and bacteriological sprays that can wipe out entire populations. They are experimenting with rockets that can cross oceans and continents to seek out unerringly the most populous cities on earth.

The generals expect that in the first few minutes of the Third World War for which they are now preparing, perhaps one-fourth of the American people will be wiped out. Some scientists fear that continuation along the present road can doom all mankind to extinction. If a suicidal, power-drunk, rule-or-ruin clique starts off an unlimited chain reaction, then the entire earth can be converted into a flaming star.

Under capitalism, mankind is heading straight toward destruction. Only under socialism can this fate be averted. Only under socialism can atomic energy be freed for peacetime uses.

Japanese Soldiers Punish Brutal Officers

Japanese soldiers being repatriated on a ship from Bangkok conducted their own "Lichfield trials," the Kyodo News Agency reported in Tokyo last week. The results turned out a little different from the U. S. Army's Lichfield trials where an officer was merely reprimanded and fined for ordering brutal beatings of American soldiers.

The Japanese soldiers held

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Blistering Attack On Lynch Terror Delivered By Milton Richardson

By Robert L. Birchman
(Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, Aug. 17—In a blistering attack against lynch terror, Milton Richardson, S.W.P. candidate for Lieut.-Governor of New York, last night outlined the revolutionary socialist program to combat the mounting wave of anti-Negro violence. Over 150 Negro and white workers attended the mass meeting, called by the Socialist Workers Party.

MILTON RICHARDSON

Richardson presented a historical and factual analysis of the reasons why lynch terror is rising. He pointed out that the only road to freedom and security for the Negro people is through the revolutionary socialist program. He called upon the audience to join with the SWP in the struggle against capitalist exploitation and oppression.

Mike Bartell, Chicago SWP Organizer, explained that Big Business was behind these terrorist actions against the Negro people. He pointed out that the only ally of the Negro people in their struggle against tyranny and oppression were the organized labor movement and other minority groups.

Bartell presented the six-point program of the SWP to halt the terrorists in Chicago.

1. Broaden and expand the Chicago united front to include all local unions, Negro, veteran and progressive organizations.

2. Organize mass demonstrations, including a militant march of thousands of Negro and white workers through the streets of Chicago.

3. Conduct an independent public investigation through an Independent Investigating Committee to hunt down and punish the terrorists. Increase the amount of the reward offered for information leading to the apprehension of the criminals responsible for terrorism.

4. Demand the appointment of a special prosecutor, to be chosen by the labor and other organizations represented in the Conference to Combat Terrorism Against Minorities.

5. Build a Defense Organization. Only Defense Guards, based on the unions, Negro and veteran organizations, in cooperation with all anti-fascist forces, can provide adequate and timely protection to threatened Negro families. In the absence of such Defense Guards, demand that city authorities deputize special guards to be selected by the labor organizations, armed and financed by the city.

6. Build an independent labor party, and break with the corrupt capitalist politicians who have permitted these terrorist crimes to go unpunished. Replace them with genuine representatives of labor and persecuted minority races.

Bartell also condemned the passive and negative role of the Communist (Stalinist) Party, which has refused to actively participate in the Chicago united front campaign. He called upon any members or sympathizers of the Communist Party present, to demand that their leaders join in the fight.

Henry W. McGee, president of the Chicago Branch of the NAACP, announced that, last night a second attempt was made to set fire to the home of Mrs. W. G. Campbell, 4203 S. Wells St. The first attempt to destroy this family's home was made on July 12. He stated that this is the 60th attack on Negro homes in less than two years. He pointed out that tension is mounting under these terrorist attacks.

Among the speakers was Gerald Bullock, chairman of the Committee on Racial Equality, who drew a parallel between the present situation and that in 1919 when a wave of provocations was launched against the Negro people, followed by terrorist actions.

After the meeting 15 Negro and white workers requested more information on the activities and program of the SWP.

SWP Petition Drive Enters Final Stage In New York

By Karolyn Kerry
NEW YORK SWP CAMPAIGN MANAGER

NEW YORK, Aug. 19—The petition campaign to place Farrell Dobbs, Milton Richardson and the Socialist Workers Party ticket on the ballot is now on the last lap. Only a few thousand signatures remain to reach our set goal of 25,000 signatures, or double the legally required number.

But for the rainy weather this weekend, the goal would have been reached in half the time allotted for obtaining signatures. By next week there is every indication that the campaign will finish in record style.

William Kitt, candidate for Comptroller, writes us that "the Buffalo Branch was greatly enthused to hear of the amazing progress made to date in the campaign. It certainly is a testimonial to the spirit and power of our party." The Buffalo Branch itself is already well over half its quota of 5,000 signatures.

The Harlem Branch came in for honors this week, turning in over 500 signatures. Outstanding in this case is the report that more than 400 of these signatures were gathered by James, a new comrade who joined the branch less than two weeks ago.

TIRELESS CAMPAIGNERS

Two of our veterans and tireless campaigners returned with an interesting account of their upstate experiences. In the town of Oneonta, where 35 petitioners were driven out a week ago, intimidation took a more subtle form. A local cop took the petition and copied two of the names on it. This flagrantly illegal action was vigorously protested by our veteran.

In Seneca Falls, a Stalinist worker signed our petition and got some of his friends to do likewise. When he was reminded that the Daily Worker regularly slanders us as "fascists" he replied: "You know there are stupid fanatics in all parties. Up here we are for the unity of all left wing forces."

The next petition mobilization in New York will start from Campaign Headquarters at 116 University Pl., and from Brooklyn Campaign Headquarters, 635 Fulton St., on Saturday evening 7 p.m., August 27th.

Black Market Charged To 'Big 4' Packers

NEW YORK, Aug. 16—The OPA yesterday filed 55 complaints of black market practices against the "Big Four" of the meatpacking trust—Armour, Swift, Wilson and Cudahy.

The government's charges, filed in the War Emergency Courts of Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn and Queens, accused the "Big Four" and their agents of numerous acts in violation of OPA regulations over a nine-month period prior to June 30.

Some of the worst practices were forced tie-in sales and delivery of unwanted items to retailers. This put a big added cost on the retailers, who in turn added the illegal price to what the consumer was compelled to pay.

OPA interviews with hundreds of retailers disclosed that they were compelled to buy scrapple, veal brains and other items they didn't want in order to get meat and butter to sell.

Armour & Company was named in 23 complaints; Swift, in 14; Wilson, in 9; and Cudahy, in 9.

While engaged in these black market practices during the meat famine they imposed on the people, the "Big Four" were hypocritically issuing public statements complaining about the "black market" getting all the meat because OPA price ceilings were "too low."

Washington lobbyists of these meat profiteers say once more threatening that meat will be diverted into the black market if any price ceilings are reimposed.

Veterans Win Election Battle

Knox Henry, a veteran of the North Africa campaign, was elected sheriff of Athens, Tennessee, after ex-GIs won a victory in an election day battle against the old-line, corrupt Democratic machine. A six-hour struggle, with bullets as well as ballots was necessary before the machine politicians, who tried to terrorize the veterans with 300 armed "deputies," were driven out.

Federated Press

San Francisco Parley Calls For United Labor Conference

By Russell Morgan
(Special to The Militant)

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15—A joint conference of some 200 delegates from the AFL, CIO, and Railway Brotherhoods met here last Thursday and unanimously passed a resolution calling for a United Labor Conference of all unions to work out joint action against anti-labor legislation.

Among the speakers were Robert Adams of Richmond; John Hughes, vice-president of the AFL painters, Richmond; Dave Bara, Mattie Cooks and Stewards; G. F. Irvine, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineemen and Firemen; and Sylvain Schnaittacher, AFL laborers.

Delegates Hughes, Adams and Schnaittacher reported methods used in conducting so-called buyers strikes in the East Bay area. Brother Hughes pointed out that the only buyers strikes which had met with any sustained success had been those conducted by the trade unions through militant action, such as picket-lines, work stoppages, etc.

Probably the best represented delegation to the conference was the Marine Cooks and Stewards. It was one of their delegates, Dave Bara, who urged the delegates to back up these worthwhile moves against inflation by endorsing and getting behind a call for a United Labor Council composed of all unions to fight all anti-labor legislation.

The conference also adopted resolutions calling for a special session of Congress to enact "a bona-fide OPA bill"; demanding the price decontrol board reinstate price ceilings on all items now exempted; approved the Bay Area buyers strike to be conducted the week of August 26 to September 2.

Half of America Lives Sub-Standard

One-half of all American families in 1945 had an income of less than $2,000 a year—under $40 a week.

More than two-thirds had incomes under $3,000. And 9,300,000 families were forced to exist on less than $1,000 a year.

These are the figures contained in a recent Federal Reserve Board study. They do not take into account reduction of real income due to inflated cost-of-living.

At the other end of the income brackets, the same report showed that the wealthiest ten per cent of American families hold 60 per cent of all liquid assets.

Wages, Prices And Profits

The Relation Between Wages and Surplus Value

By Warren Creel

Normally, the price of commodities reflects the labor-value that is in them. This point was dealt with in last week's installment. Wages, the price of labor-power, are controlled by the same law of labor-value, through the same process of competition. In this case, it is competition in the labor market.

The sellers, the workers, try to get the best wage they can, while the buyers, the employers, try to buy cheaply. The workers must sell their labor power somehow, for they cannot live without a job. No one worker can keep his wage standard high, because he knows the employer will hire some other worker at a lower wage, and leave him unemployed.

The employer offers the lowest wage at which he can hire workers. It turns out there is a point below which workers will not go. In the long run, workers will not take jobs at wages below the cost of living, because they can't. They might as well starve unemployed as starve on the job. Moreover, at that point the workers can organize more strongly to strike for higher wages. No group of the workers within the union will consent to settle a strike and go back to work for less than a living wage.

So the level of wages that comes from bargaining in the labor market is determined indirectly by the cost of living. The cost of living is another way of saying the cost of production of the worker's labor power. In order to work the worker must get goods enough to live, to keep him healthy and strong enough to work, and to support his family so there will be other workers in the future.

Wages obey the law of labor value. The normal wage for a day's work equals the amount of labor required to produce the worker for the day's work.

How much labor to support a worker for a day's work? He and his family eat a certain number of pounds of food, which took a certain amount of labor to produce. They wear out a certain fraction of their clothes, use up a certain fraction of housing, burn up some fuel for heating, and so on, all of which took labor to produce. At a rough estimate, the goods used up by an American worker and his family in living a day probably took less than two hours total labor in production. He works eight hours (or more) and gets back the output of two hours labor.

Productivity and Real Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, 1919 to 1938 (1923-25—100)

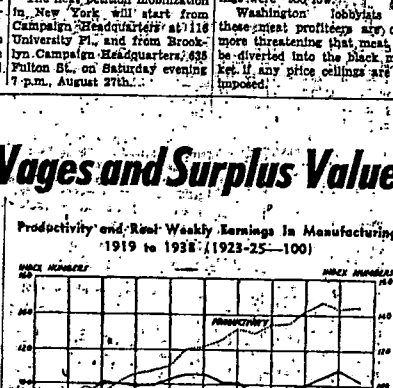

Figure 1

The goods a worker produces in one day contain the total value of his one day's labor. We'll call it 8 hours labor time. That's what he produces, measured in labor-value. His wages buy enough goods to live on for a day. The labor it took to produce the goods he can buy is the amount he gets, measured in labor value. We'll estimate 2 hours labor in what he gets. The difference, the output of 6 hours labor stays in the hands of the employer. This difference between the labor-value the worker produces and the labor-value the worker gets is called "surplus-value" in Marxist economics.

The surplus value is the employer's margin. Increased efficiency in output only increases the surplus value.

The law of wages, like the law of prices, works out indirectly, through the haphazard

Who's Really To Blame In Jersey Rail Wr

Who is responsible for the wreck on the Central Railroad of New Jersey on August 27? The blame has been put on engineer William O'Neill of the second train by the Hudson County Prosecutor's office in a closed session.

Three other investigations are going on simultaneously, by the Interstate Commerce Commission, the New Jersey State Public Utility Comission and the CBRNJ.

Will they too first condemn the engineer and then make him prove he is innocent afterwards? Will any of these investigations bring out the following facts?

1. Age of Locomotive: That engine was built anywhere between 1900 and 1910. The engineer says he had to fix some injectors here with any reasonable possibility of averting real trouble. Even the ICC realized this and some time ago condemned these engines in interstate commerce. The ICC ordered the use of engines with cabs on the end where fireman and engineer work together and can help each other. Injector valves are generally the fireman's job. If it the engineer's fault, that these rolling coffins have not been taken out of service?

2. Congestion of Trains on the engineer be the goat for this too?

4. Age of Engineer, Retirement, and Pension Payments: The engineer was 71 years old. The question might be asked why didn't he retire on his pension at the age of 65 as he had a right to? The joker is: His pension entitles him only to $85-$110 per month, while his wage entitles him to $250-$350 per month.

This puts the engineer in the position of having to choose between retiring at an elderly age (65) and trying to maintain his dependents on $21-$27.50 a week; or working beyond the limit of

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SHOP TALKS ON SOCIALISM

Machines Create No Ne

By V. Grey

Here is a steel plant worth a hund Thousands tons of steel are produce plant. The product is worth hundre dollars.

What is happening to the plant it come rolling out the gate? What is hap while the ten thousand workers are value for the owners?

Why, the plant is wearing away. E rosion, decay, wear and tear — all take machinists, millwrights, riggers, pipe pairing and replacing. (In the blast f for instance, there are over a hundred with only about a hundred and fift operating the furnaces.) Every so often relined and rebuilt. Shops are torn d Mills grow old fashioned. New ones repl

Company-owned lake boats bring t sand tons of ore in a load. This well that dip down into the hold like men-fr twenty tons at a grab, and a hopper sl a moving belt to the huge piles of ore unload the limestone in the same way.

Behind the "legs," up skyward ove of ore and lime are the "bridges." Th straddled stilts 60 feet high, running pick up more tons of lime and ore for t cars on the trestle, still further inland, piles. These cars rumble up and down t night — loading and dumping their t every few minutes. Everything clatters, out.

The stock house below the trestle re lime, coke and ore into its bins. And st of "larry" cars run up and down inside t getting their smaller loads from the bins opposite each furnace and spot their load ing "skip" cars, which take the stock up furnace, five and ten tons at a time.

So before the stock is even put into for its first operation, millions of dolla handles it, and wears out in the process.

Then the million and a quarter dol blows, burns and blasts the stock. It co and finally pours the molten iron: Hi mounted on eight railway car wheels, below the furnace floor. Steam and Diesel the live iron to the Open Hearth.

The Open Hearth has machinery almo and expensive as the blast furnace. Th chines which lift up the "coffin" boxes scrap steel, turn them over, knock them of the door to be sure they are empty; the which pick up small ladles of live iron an the furnace; the locomotives which also r the Open Hearth floor.

When the "heat" is tapped and the new the pit behind the Open Hearth Furnace vessel receives it into its battered sides and brick. A hundred ton crane overhea fr'll ladle, and pours the liquid steel into figt cars.

After all this, the resulting steel ingo ore, coke, limestone, carbon, silicon, sulp tin..es other things as well is only worth a a ton! And these materials have gone th and processes costing millions upon millio

Instead of saying that machines pro themselves, you might almost say, "How o company afford to sell steel for 80 dollars use up such expense machinery?"

But there are thousands of tons prod dollar of value worn away in the machin value reappears in the steel product; an appears above this, which is added by the beings who run the machines.

The corporation enters this in its bo money it takes in which represents the sur duced by the workers, it calls "profits" or " e them to the owners. The money it f represents the value of the worn-away ma aside and calls a "sinking fund." If it takes a furnace ten years to wear out entirely, th fund must contain one-tenth of the machin year and purchase a new one at the end

U. S. Steel, for example, has to produce a million tons of steel a year before they s profit. The enormous machinery they have wear out in a few years whether it produce

The machinery and plants of U. S. Steel any new value. Not only that. If less than tons of steel can be produced, these machin are a liability.

Mike Bartell
Militant 9-21-1946

...ans Ask Basic Changes Court-Martial System

Army Court Martial

"Well—what have you to say for yourself?"

losing their lives?" and so on and so on.

"In cases involving serious offenses," Breitman replied, "where you are considering serious punishment, then I certainly maintain that the proper time and attention should be given to consideration of the merits of the case."

At this the Committee member relapsed in to silence. Since there were no other questions, Richardson took the floor.

RICHARDSON SPEAKS

Milton Richardson had spent four years in the Army, two of them in the thick of the European campaign, where he was wounded. He still limps from this wound, and still bears, like scars on his mind, the memory of the Jim-Crow treatment Negro soldiers received in "the most democratic Army in the world."

Richardson began by expressing support for the proposal of civilian court trial for serious offenses.

"But, of course, not all offenses are serious," he said, "and we do not propose to clutter up civilian courts with cases involving sentences of six months' imprisonment or less.

"Consequently, I want to take up the other two kinds of court-martial now in effect: The summary court-martial, involving fine and restriction but no imprisonment; and the special court-martial, involving punishment up to, but not exceeding, six months' imprisonment.

"The summary court-martial is, on the face of it, the least democratic of all courts-martial. A single officer, appointed by the commanding officer, merely listens to the witnesses and then makes the decision, generally the way the commanding officer wants it made.

"We propose the complete abolition of the summary court-martial, and the institution of only one court-martial combining the powers of both the present summary and special court-martial. But this single court-martial body, we propose, shall be constituted differently than the present court-martial bodies are.

"At present, as you know, the jury is composed exclusively of officers. The result is that generally members of the court-martial body are subservient to the commanding officer who appointed them. This is one of the chief sources of military injustice. We propose the following:

"That the court-martial jury be composed completely of soldiers who are NOT of higher rank than the defendant. Only in this way can you have the democratic right of trial by a jury of your peers.

"For example, if a staff sergeant was on trial, no one would sit on the jury who was higher in rank than staff sergeant. If a captain was on trial, no one would sit on the jury who outranked a captain. And so on."

INTERRUPTION

The chairman of the Advisory Committee interrupted then and said: "Just a minute, you mean that a sergeant would be tried by privates? Do you think that would be fair? How would you like that if you were a sergeant?"

Richardson, who had been a staff sergeant, answered: "I would like that fine. You would have a better Army that way."

The chairman still did not think such a procedure would be "fair." Apparently, he preferred the present set-up, where all enlisted men are tried by officers.

"Similarly," Richardson continued, "in connection with Negro soldiers, we propose that Negroes be permitted to sit on court-martial juries, especially where Negro soldiers are being tried."

The chairman interrupted again: "All-Negro juries, do you mean?"

Chicago Jim-Crow Terrorism Hits Other Racial Groups

By Robert L. Birchman
(Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, Sept. 13. — The wave of terrorism against Negroes here is now being extended to include Mexicans and Chinese.

Adrian Lazaro, an architectural draftsman of Mexican descent, and his wife moved into a flat at 907 S. Loomis St., on Sept. 7. There are numerous Mexicans and Negroes two blocks away, but the neighborhood announced: "We won't tolerate you." Late that evening, two windows were broken. The next morning the landlord asked them to move.

Two men and a woman entered the Jang Lee Restaurant, a Chinese restaurant at 1205 East 55th St. on the night of Sept. 6. Mrs. Lee pointed out that it was nearly 10 p.m., when the restaurant closed. Using abusive language, one of the white men, later identified as R. Blackseley, attacked Mr. Lee, knocking him down and blackening his eyes. His friend held down one of the other Chinese, while Mr. Lee was beaten up.

Meanwhile the wave of terror against Negroes continues unabated. Mrs. M. Crawford and Mrs. Almedia Cauley who live at 329 W. 22nd Place, were advised by the owner, Paul Young, to move. He stated that he had been warned by John Becker, 312 W. 22nd Place, that his building would be burned if the Negroes were not evicted.

Two men forced their way at the point of a gun into the apartment of Mrs. Martha Johnson, 229 W. 22nd Place, after her 16-year-old daughter, Laura, opened the door. They ransacked the apartment, claiming they were searching for weapons. "We are going to run all the niggers out," they stated, "and we don't want them to have anything to fight back with." They attacked Mrs. Johnson and threatened to shoot all the Negroes that they didn't burn out.

A Negro entertainer was brutally beaten and thrown through a plate-glass window by white hoodlums in Calumet City. The police arrested the victim, William Hays, according to the Chicago Defender.

Hays stated that when he went into a restaurant and asked to be served, "I was hit over the head with a bottle. As I staggered, several white men picked me up and threw me through the plate glass window of the front door."

Hays and other members of a quartette were seeking employment at the night clubs in Calumet City. "We were told by the management that Negroes are not allowed to enter their places."

The Mayor's Commission on Human Relations in a recent press release, reports that their records show that from Feb. 26 through Aug. 31 this year, there were 17 cases of Negro homes set afire, two of them a second time, while police were on "guard." There were six reports of assaults on Negroes on the streets, and three clashes on public beaches.

Arrests were made in only two of the incendiary cases, and none in the cases of assaults. In another case where a white man was found pouring gasoline on the steps of a hotel occupied by Negroes, he was given probation.

Stock Market Slump Reveals Wall Street's View Of Future

(Continued from Page 1)

sustain the economy, the capitalists are required to invest over $20 billion dollars annually in plants and equipment. They are spending only half that. Where is the market for expanded production?

Certainly, not in this country. V-J Day saw a sharp decline in total wages, with the elimination of overtime, mass lay-offs, downgrading, shorter hours. No subsequent wage increases have compensated for this slash. Simultaneously, the war-born inflation, the devouring war debt and taxes, eat deep chunks out of mass purchasing power. The workers cannot buy back what they produce—while the monopolists withhold commodities for higher prices.

GLUT BEGINS

And on Aug. 27, the Department of Commerce reported the beginnings of the glut that sooner or later means closed-down factories and mass unemployment. Value of manufacturers' inventories reached an all-time

Week, Sept. 14. For tomorrow's profits, Wall Street wants further inflation of prices and further slashing of wages. But—the mighty American labor movement stands astride its path.

Where to turn? More and more Wall Street beats the drum for a new war adventure. Its promises of peace, plenty and security under capitalism can find only one fulfillment: Atomic annihilation in World War III.

The NEGRO STRUGGLE

"Labor with a white skin cannot emancipate itself where labor with a black skin is branded." —Karl Marx

By William Bohanion
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The Record of Congress

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has published in the Aug.-Sept. issue of NAACP Bulletin a record of how the members of the 79th Congress acted on 11 bills and petitions of importance to the Negro people.

These measures included the poll tax, FEPC, price control, housing for veterans, employment, the Case anti-labor bill, protection of agricultural packing workers, minimum wages, free school lunches, civil liberties and anti-lynching legislation.

Every Negro voter should acquaint himself with how the members of Congress acted on these questions and the NAACP Bulletin serves a useful function in making this easy. The Congressmen's names, parties and states are given, and alongside them are shown minus-signs indicating where they voted wrong, and plus-signs where they voted right.

The first thing that strikes you as you look through the almost four pages of this record is the fact that the great majority of the marks are minus-signs. Look a little closer, and you see that in this respect there is no difference between the Democrats and the Republicans. Most of both of them are on the wrong side of the fence.

CLOSE CHECK

Having a few spare minutes, I checked the record even more closely. In the Senate, where 96 names are listed, the NAACP found that only 11 voted right every time. An additional six voted right on the issues where they committed themselves openly; but on some issues they either were absent or "paired" with someone voting the opposite way, so that neither had to show how he was voting.

In the House of Representatives where 433 names are shown, only 31 voted right on every issue, while 57 voted right on some issues and were either absent or paired on other issues. (It goes without saying that some of these absences were "convenient" and that the purpose of pairing is usually not to show a bad vote on the record.)

Even if all these are given the benefit of the doubt — and they shouldn't be — then less than one-fifth of Congress as a whole could be counted to vote as the majority of the people wanted them to vote. (Without the doubtful ones, it would be less than one-tenth.) And this is the Congress some labor and Negro leaders told us was "progressive" less than two short years ago!

Even that doesn't give the whole picture. After all, there were a great many important issues besides the 11 picked by the NAACP. What about the questions of foreign policy? How many took the right stand on policies leading inevitably to another world war? How many fought to withdraw American troops from foreign soil? How many tried to get independence for Puerto Rico and other American colonies?

If we had the record on these and similar questions, then we would see the truth: The Negro people and their allies in the labor movement have virtually no representatives they can count on in Congress.

THE LESSON

What is the lesson to be drawn from all this? The NAACP Bulletin says: "Elect better men to Congress!" Sounds simple, doesn't it? So simple that it makes you wonder how such a gang of anti-Negro, anti-labor politicians got into office in the first place.

The NAACP as an organization refuses to engage in politics. (It might lose some of its rich white "friends" if it did.) All it does is print the record. But when a Negro goes to the voting booth, he has to make a decision — that is, he has to engage in politics. The question is: What kind of politics?

The members of Congress are not merely individuals, who happen to vote one way or another just because they are "better" politicians. Above all, they are members of political parties — chosen by those parties, pledged to the programs of those parties, responsible to those party machines. And the thing common to them all is that they engage in capitalist party politics.

That is what the Negro has to remember as he goes to the polls. The government is run by two capitalist parties, and the record shows they are both the stooges of Wall Street and the enemies of the working people. The thing to do is to break with both of them, refuse to support the candidates of either of them. We will gain our second emancipation by supporting the independent labor candidates, white and Negro, who strive to create a Workers and Farmers Government.

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candidates. In this task he was joined not only by James Carey but the Stalinist UE leaders as well.

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North, told his story to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

He revealed that many years ago, oil had been discovered on the land of the boys' grandfather. The grandfather, now 76 years old, "leased" these oil wells to a powerful oil syndicate. One of the wells still pours out thousands of barrels of oil, and for this, the poverty-stricken old man receives $1.50 a month.

'ODD' CIRCUMSTANCES

According to Mr. Harris, the circumstances under which the syndicate got the oil rights were "odd," since the aged grandfather can neither read nor write.

The NAACP points out that after the brutal lynching became known, "careful efforts" had been made to mislead the first newsmen to report the crime. The usual false charges of "attempt to rape a white woman" were given out, although both victims had already been released from the Minden jail when the white woman allegedly involved had refused to file a complaint.

After their release from jail Albert Harris, Jr. and Jones were seized by a waiting lynch mob and driven into the swamps. Harris was beaten for hours, kicked in the stomach, and left for dead. When he awakened in the morning he found his cousin still alive, his face charred by a blow-torch and his hands chopped off. Jones died in Albert's arms. Albert escaped and made his way North.

NAACP investigators, working in Minden under constant threat, tracked down clues given them by Albert, and turned over their information to the FBI. But the government is stalling and the lynchers walk the streets.

This is not the only case in which the FBI holds information to convict lynchers, and fails to ment responsible for halting the lynchers.

Urge Defense Guards Against Race Terrorists

(Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, — The Committee on Racial Equality (CORE) at its recent meeting endorsed a resolution pointing out the need for a defense organization to prevent further vigilante terrorism against racial minorities in this area.

The resolution was originally introduced by the Socialist Workers Party to the Conference to Combat Terrorism Against Minorities, in which the CORE participated. The Conference referred the resolution to all participating organizations for discussion and opinion on the question of organized defense guards.

The resolution pointed out the failure of the Police Department to give protection to those Negro families who broke through the iron wall of restrictive covenants and moved into areas outside the "black ghetto." It declared that the attacks are the concern of not only minority groups, but of the entire labor movement as they are a device of the reactionaries to divide the forces of labor on racial lines.

The resolution then called for the conference to "recognize the need for the establishing of a defense organization by the powerful labor movement in cooperation with minority and progressive organizations as the only effective means of protecting minority groups against terrorist attacks."

Escaped lynch victim Albert Harris, Jr., shown with his father, upon arrival in New York. Young Harris still bears wounds on his body inflicted by a blood-thirsty Louisiana lynch mob, which left him for dead. Harris was brought to New York under the protection of Madison Jones NAACP official.

Photo by courtesy of Amsterdam News.

13 Injured In Chicago Fires Set By Jim Crow Terrorists

By Robert L. Birchman

(Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, Sept. 7. — The wave of Jim-Crow terrorism against Negroes who cross "Black Ghetto" boundaries here, reached a new high during the last week in August. In three fires of incendiary origin, 13 Negroes were injured.

In the most serious of these fires, the front entrance of the building at 249 West Alexandria Street went up in flames at the same time that a fire in the back room blocked the rear entrance. People on upper floors were forced to jump before the fire nets arrived. Seven suffered broken limbs and other injuries.

The building at 228 West 23rd Street was destroyed by fire, following an explosion. Six people were forced to jump from upper floors to save their lives.

Investigations by Michael Bartell, Chicago Organizer of the Socialist Workers Party, reveal that after the fire was extinguished about 8 a.m., white men attacked and beat up Negroes. Firemen participated in the assault. One white man pulled a gun and threatened to shoot.

The third fire occurred in the basement at 268 West 23rd Street, after an explosion. Fire Attorney Downes states that in his opinion all the fires were of incendiary origin. Police try to dismiss them as accidental or of "undetermined" origin.

The district is one in which Italians, Negroes, Mexicans, Croatians and Chinese live in a densely populated area of fire-trap tenement houses. In the past the district was largely controlled by a group of Italians headed by Bruno Rofi, whose "business" is beer distributing. He handles most of the political patronage for the Kelly machine and the Democratic Party.

The Chicago Defender charges that there exists, "a deep-rooted political plot, using race tensions and arson as a weapon to oust Negroes from Chicago's turbulent, patronage - rich First Ward." It states: "Negro citizens point out that the influx of Negroes from the South and other sections of the city threatens to upset the delicate voting balance and affect the pork barrel patronage from one of the city's richest political districts."

Army Court Martial System Gives Two Kinds Of Justice

From the big brass hats you never get anything but praise for the court-martial system. If you listened to them you might get the idea that there is some kind of justice in the "military justice" set-up. But recently a staff writer for the N. Y. World Telegram, Roger Stuart, had the opportunity to check some of the War Department's own records.

What he found, shows that there are at least two kinds of "justice" in the Army — one kind for enlisted men, another kind for officers. Here are some of the cases Stuart cited on Aug. 22:

A Pfc in the European Theater was court-martialed for slashing a lieutenant across the chest with a knife. Charge: attacking a superior officer, the sentence for which is death. The sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

In the same theater of operations a second lieutenant attacked an enlisted man with a knife, cutting him up severely. He was court-martialed for this and for being drunk on duty. Found guilty, he was sentenced to five years' imprisonment and dismissal from the service. His general then remitted the prison sentence and the lieutenant got off with dismissal from the service.

MORE "JUSTICE"

Stuart also tells about three cases of desertion. The court-martial of a private in Europe resulted in the death sentence, commuted to life imprisonment.

A second lieutenant in the same vicinity and at about the same time was also found guilty of desertion by a court martial. Sentence: dismissal from the service.

Another lieutenant was charged with "running away from the enemy." His only punishment: dismissal from the service.

Stuart also reports a contrast in two General Court-Martial Orders.

GCMO No. 652 concerned the case of a private found guilty of desertion, escaping confinement, attempt to commit murder and misappropriating a government vehicle. Sentence: hanging, later commuted to life imprisonment.

GCMO 611 dealt with an officer tried on these charges: 11 instances of wrongful disposal of government property, one instance of conduct unbecoming an officer, one instance of disobedience of orders, one instance of issuing a false official statement. Found guilty of the last three charges and in four instances of wrongfully disposing of government property, his punishment was—that's right—dismissal from the service.

In the military courts as in all other spheres of Army life the caste system operates in behalf of the "officers and gentlemen."

NEXT WEEK

George Breitman and Milton Richardson give the Socialist Workers Party's answer to the court-martial system.

Yankee Imperialism Guided Overturn In Bolivian Capital

By C. Fernandez

(Special to The Militant)

MEXICO, D. F., Sept. 1—The true character of the northern "Good Neighbor" is shown by an analysis of the events in the capital of Bolivia on July 21. On that day, an uprising led by professors and students and supported by a section of the population overthrew and assassinated President Villarroel. Following Washington's dictates, Yankee press correspondents in La Paz have erroneously reported it as the culmination of a genuine popular movement against the military dictatorship of Villarroel.

It is well to bear in mind that nearly 15 per cent of the world's tin supply comes from Bolivia, that tin accounts for 70 per cent of the total value of exports from this small South American country and that practically its entire economy is based on the industry.

A mining triumvirate, formed by the multi-millionaire Patino —owner of the "Patino Mines and Enterprises," Mauricio Hochschild and the "Compagnie Aramayo de Mines," is the real power behind Bolivian politics and economy, and the strongest pillar of Yankee imperialism in the country. In the past, Bolivian governments have been mere agents for these tin magnates, and have suppressed the workers with unrestrained fury.

Super-exploitation of the Bolivian masses, carried out primarily by this imperialist triumvirate, increased enormously during the war. Bolivian workers are desperately impoverished. In the last few years the cost of living has risen fantastically. It is the highest in South America.

Mass discontent reached such proportions during the war that it shook the government to its foundations. In 1943, a group of military leaders, counting on the assistance of the dissatisfied middle class and the passivity of the workers and peasantry, formers revolted and lifted Villarroel to power.

To gain support against the tin magnates and in order to stem the mounting tide of discontent among the poverty-stricken masses, Villarroel made the latter some concessions such as relative union freedom, slight wage increase, etc. He tried to restrain the intervention of Patino and Co. in the economic and political life of the country. He issued decrees reducing concessions to the tin triumvirate, and began construction of smelting plants in Oruro, an important mining center, in an effort to reduce the profits of the tin magnates.

WALL ST. WAITED

Washington understood the Bolivian situation very well. It realized that Villarroel would not bow doolely to the interests of Wall Street. Therefore the State Department branded the movement that lifted Villarroel to power as Nazi-Fascist.

The Yankee imperialists decided an insurrection would be necessary. They patiently awaited the first opportunity to reinstate a "democratic" government in Bolivia, that is, a government that would resume the role of absolute lackey to the tin triumvirate.

Every action taken by Villarroel against the tin monopoly made his government more unpopular with the Yankee State Department. The imperialists were displeased because Villarroel did not use the army to suppress the mine workers during strikes which followed each other in rapid succession. Both native and foreign mining functionaries shared the same dissatisfaction. They all yearned for a return to the brutal methods employed by President Penaranda during the strike in Catavi where more than 400 miners were massacred when they demanded wage increases.

How, then, can the success of the July 21 revolt be explained?

Merciless exploitation had brought the masses to an abysmally low living standard. Food is not only expensive but scarce. Agriculture has been restricted by a conscious policy of previous governments who hoped, by discouraging agriculture, to force the native population into the mines. The masses, therefore, were at the mercy of the tin magnates.

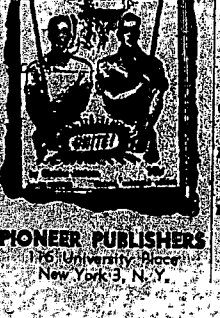
They were terribly desperate and the agents of the monopolists were able, through the middle class, to throw the blame for the situation on the Villarroel government. Groups of well-paid and well-organized agitators gave direction to the mass discontent, channelizing it in a manner most favorable to the native and foreign exploiters.

Villarroel, like other Latin American military-police dictators, relied mainly on the army for support both against imperialism and the workers. He made concessions to the workers only in an attempt to win their support as a counter-pressure to the tin magnates. But when crumbs from the national economy failed to placate the miners he restrained their struggles with dictatorial methods. Hence, the had to base in the country other than the army and when he lost its support he was immediately overthrown. A new gang, selected by the tin magnates, was placed in power.

These further facts show unmistakably who the present government represents. The merchants of La Paz, who are notoriously subservient to the imperialist tin magnates, joined the "general strike" against Villarroel. The reactionary former-President Penaranda expressed joy over the hanging of Villarroel. The insurgents used tanks MADE IN THE U. S. in the street battles of La Paz. And the new government was immediately recognized by the U.S. State Department and its imperialist partner, Great Britain.

Yankee imperialism has demonstrated once again its firm intention to maintain redoubled exploitation of the semi-colonial South American countries at whatever price and by whatever means necessary.

It is obvious that the lack of a strong union movement and a conscious working class with well organized political parties facilitated the task of the imperialists in the absence of independent working class organizations reactionary elements were able to direct the discontent of the masses away from their own class interest and into channels favoring imperialism.



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ing the 'Price' Myth."

Average hourly earnings of all manufacturing workers increased less than five per cent, between April, 1945 and July, 1946, the CIO shows. Yet prices soared 13 per cent between April, 1945 and August, 1946, according to the government's own conservative estimate, and are still climbing.

The hourly wage increases could not raise prices even five per cent, the article makes clear. For although the proportion of labor costs to total costs vary from industry to industry, wages and salaries average about 25 per cent of all costs in manufacturing . . . This means that even if higher wages did necessarily raise prices, every 10 per cent wage raise would increase the total production cost only ½ as much, or by two and a half per cent."

In reality this meager increase in hourly wages did not raise production costs. Added costs have been more than compensated for in the same period by "great increases in productivity resulting from the use of new and improved machinery and the return of millions of young workers, plus the repeal of the excess profits tax."

PROFITS ARE CAUSE

The CIO Economic Outlook concludes that "the drive for higher prices has not arisen from the pinch of rising costs. It stems from management's seemingly unquenchable thirst for ever-higher profits."

These profits are exposed with figures and charts. The six-month period of January-June 1945, one of the fattest in corporation history, is contrasted with the six-month period of January-June 1946. Today, of course, with prices even more unbridled, the corporations are raking in even more loot.

Textile profits rose 250 per cent over 1945. Meat packers' profits went up 200 per cent. All

[illegible] average of 15¢ per week.

This worker found himself getting less and less in real wages—that is, in ability to buy food, clothing, shelter, and other necessities of life.

Taking as an example the worker who got the average maximum increase of 18 per cent, the CIO shows what has really happened to his paycheck.

"In April, 1945, the average worker in manufacturing earned $47.12 a week. Well, this increase of 18 per cent that everyone is talking about should have pulled him up to about $55 a week. Actually, the latest (July) Department of Labor figures show the average earnings of factory workers to be $43.07 a week. That amounts to a cut of around nine per cent—instead of an increase of 18 per cent."

HIT ALL WORKERS

The nine per cent DECREASE in earnings is due to elimination of overtime pay. That has hit both the worker who got the 18 per cent raise, and those who got less, or none.

But what happened to the number of dollars in his pay is only part of the story.

"It should be pretty clear," the CIO continues, "that Joe can't buy as much meat, vegetables, clothing, furniture or any other essential goods as he did in April, 1945. In fact, if you add the sharp price rise to the $4.05 cut in money wages, poor Joe finds that his weekly pay check is now worth 19 per cent less than it was in 1945.

"So it turns out that 'right now that 18 per cent figure isn't too far off. Only Joe's real wages are about that much less, instead of more, than they were in 1945."

In other words, "while reactionary forces all over the country are trying to gang up and prove Joe's the one who is causing inflation, his real income is being slashed." And the income of the profiteering corporations is being hiked.

Chicago Race-Haters Attack White Army Friend Of Negro

By Robert L. Birchman
(Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, Oct. 4 — The rising tide of race hate spread last week to new areas in Chicago's far South Side where three incidents of mob action by vicious anti-Negro whites occurred.

The home of a white army officer, Lieut. Rice Carruthers and his wife 8037 S. Parnell Ave. was stoned by a mob because he gave temporary sleeping quarters to a Negro, Lieut. Everett Batcher. The two army officers had become friends while serving in Europe, and Batcher was invited to be Carruthers' guest while in the city.

GANG ATTACKS

The white gang assembled on Wednesday night armed with sticks, bricks and other weapons in front of Carruthers' home, smashed windows and hurled threats of "Let's lynch the nigger-lover!" The mob gathered after letters had been sent out by the Auburn Park Improvement Association, whose members are supporters and signers of restrictive covenants.

A gang of white youths attacked Negro youths playing football in Tuley Park. The hoodlums, with knives, sticks and bricks, chased the Negro boys from the park and then burned some of their clothes left in the playground lockers.

Two of the mothers of the attack victims, in the park to see the football game, were threatened and forced to flee through the park shrubbery to South Park. A. W. Beck, caretaker of the West Chesterfield homes, was also chased from the park. A group of mothers who went to the park next day found some of the boys' burned clothing, together with a note warning Negroes to stay out of the park.

MASS MEETING

At a mass meeting on the question of violence against Negroes in the West Chesterfield and Burnside Community Areas, committees were organized for the purpose of investigating the Tuley Park incident; to investigate conditions causing the conflict among Negro and white students at the Burnside School; to take action for the removal of John Morris, the park supervisor; and to investigate the Burnside police who have been notably lax in the situation.

At Calumet High School on Friday an attack on Negro students by white students under the leadership of Edward Hickey, an amateur boxer, led to Hickey's arrest on a charge of malicious and disorderly conduct. While none of the Negro students were harmed, they were driven out of the school district.

Meat Convention In Chicago

By Leigh Ray
(Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, Oct. 1 — Protesting the artificial meat famine and the loss of jobs for more than 40,000 packinghouse workers, more than a thousand unionists here picketed the national convention of the American Meat Institute yesterday afternoon.

The American Meat Institute is the organization of 450 packers who are engaged in interstate commerce and thus subject to federal regulations. The "Big 4" — Swift, Armour, Wilson and Cudahy — control the policies of the Institute, although statements of such policies are usually issued in the name of one of the smaller concerns.

Pickets began to gather before the Stevens Hotel, where the AMI was meeting, long before the starting time. It was a cold fall afternoon. Men and women, Negro and white, those still working and those who had been laid off, marched two abreast in a double line on the block-long lake frontage, chanting such slogans as: "We want meat and we want jobs," and "Give us pork chops, not baloney!"

BANNERS PROMINENT

Banners were prominently displayed by CIO packinghouse, auto, electrical, transport, farm equipment and mine, mill and smelter locals, as well as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, American Veterans Committee, Chicago Committee on Price and Rent Control, National Negro Congress, Independent Voters of Illinois, and International Workers Order.

Among the slogans carried on the banners were: 100% CIO for Guaranteed Annual Wage; 100% CIO for Cost of Living Bonus; Investigate the Sitdown Strike of the Meat Trust; 100% CIO for $1 Minimum Wage; More Beef, Not Higher Prices; More Jobs, Not Higher Prices; and Meat Trust Policy — Pay Our Price or Starve.

Picketing continued for one hour. Delegates to the Institute thronged the sidelines watching the demonstration.

Minnesota SWP Candidates Hit Meat Profiteers

ST. PAUL, Oct. 5—Socialist Workers Party candidates are pledged to fight for the expropriation of the meat profiteers, the nationalization of the meat industry and its operation under workers' control, C. K. Johnson, Minnesota SWP campaign manager announced today.

Grace Carlson is Minnesota SWP candidate for U. S. Senate, Warren Creel for 3rd District Congressman, Dorothy Schiltz for 4th District Congressman. Because of state regulations they will use the ballot name, Revolutionary Workers Party.

The statement follows:

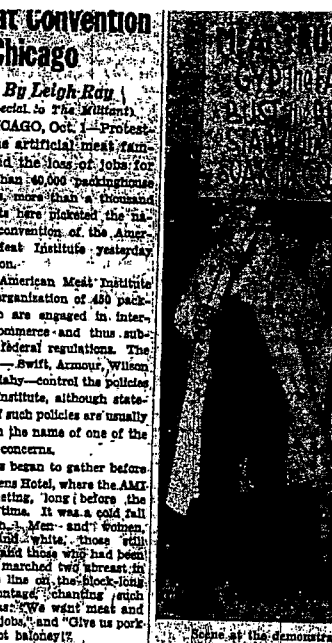
"The latest statistics on livestock production show that U. S. growers and feeders have 82 million head of cattle on the hoof. This is enough to supply everyone in the United States with a pound of steak a day for 84 days!

OLLMAN'S STATEMENT

"We agree with the statement in the press release issued by Joe Ollman, District Director of the CIO, United Packinghouse Workers on Sept. 25, that an 'artificial meat famine' has been created by packing and livestock interests. Their plan is to withhold cattle from the market in order to reap higher profits later when the meat-hungry populace will be forced to pay extravagant prices.

"The meat monopoly is not only ready for higher profits but is anxious to strike a blow at the packinghouse workers union which is now in the midst of negotiations for better wages and working conditions for its underpaid workers.

"The only solution to this problem is the expropriation of the meat profiteers, the nationalization of the meat industry and its operation under workers' control."



Scene at the demonstration of Chicago workers when the meat packing trust held its recent conferences. The placard reads "Meat Trust Policy: Gyp the Farmer, Rust the Butcher, Starve the Worker, Soak the Consumer."

Federated Picture

Chicago SWP Backs Fight Of CIO Packinghouse Workers

CHICAGO, Oct. 1—The Chicago Local of the Socialist Workers Party this week issued a leaflet calling on the Chicago workers to support the CIO United Packinghouse Workers in their fight to put an end to the artificial meat famine and to get back to their jobs and secure a living wage. This leaflet was distributed on the union picket lines demonstrating yesterday before the convention of the American Meat Institute, association of big packers.

The SWP leaflet stated that: "There is no meat because the greedy, profit-hungry meat monopolists, (Swift, Armour, Wilson and Cudahy), have deliberately and cold-bloodedly halted production in order to break all price ceilings and to undermine the Union . . . The conspiracy of these ruthless criminals can be stopped only by a united labor movement with a bold program of militant action."

The SWP leaflet advocated the following program to meet the critical situation facing the workers:

1. Government Ownership of the Meat Industry — Operated under the Control of the Trade Unions and Working Farmers.

2. A Rising Scale of Wages—For the Cost-of-Living Bonus.

3. Open the Books of the Meat Trust — Consumers Committees to Control Prices.

4. Repeal the Tax Rebate Law.

5. Full Back Wages for Unemployed Packinghouse Workers.

6. Build the Labor Party.

LABOR PROPOSALS

Explaining the SWP proposals, the leaflet states: "The only way to prevent this gang of parasites (meat monopolists) from cutting off the food supply of the people whenever it serves their own interests is to take over the meat industry. Let the Packinghouse Workers, through their Unions, control production in cooperation with the working farmers, and there will be plenty of meat at prices within the reach of all."

Calling for "an escalator clause in all Union contracts providing for automatic pay raises to meet the rising cost of living," the leaflet says, "Government price control has proved to be a total flop. The profiteers, in collusion with the OPA, have stolen through price increases the wage gains the workers won in the recent strikes. The cost-of-living bonus demanded by the Packinghouse Workers would protect their standard of living. This progressive demand should be fought for vigorously.

"The big packers say they are not to blame for the meat famine. Let's find out! Open the books for inspection by the Union and consuming public. Expose their conniving black-marketeering and grafting. Independent mass consumer committees, representing the workers, housewives and working farmers, must be organized to inspect the books of the meat trust and fight this price gouging.

A CONSPIRACY

"The packers are able to carry on their conspiracy to raise prices and undermine the Union because their profits go on even when they stop producing. Demand the repeal of the carry-back-carry-forward tax law.

"The unemployed Packinghouse Workers, who are victims of this conspiracy, should receive full regular wages for all lost time."

In conclusion, the SWP leaflet states, "The politicians of the Democratic and Republican Parties are agents of the big packers and their kind. To defeat the monopolists, labor must build its own class political party and send its own representatives to Congress now!"

Blecker Supports Toledo Women

NEW YORK, Oct. 4—Sylvia Blecker, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Attorney-General, today demanded nationalization of the meat industry under workers' control. Speaking over Station WLIB, she declared that Republicans and Democrats are doing "nothing at all" while the packers' trust imposes a meat famine upon the country.

"Everybody knows there is plenty of meat. It didn't just vanish into thin air the day after price ceilings were reinstated," she pointed out. "The meat packing trust, the big cattle dealers and speculators are deliberately withholding meat supplies." Their slogan is "Pay us extortionate prices we demand — or go without meat!"

"The way to get meat is to take action on a NATIONAL scale like the militant group of housewives took last week in Toledo," she said. "They organized the women and stormed the Mayor's office demanding that he call on the federal government to take over the meat industry and operate it under the control of the unions.

"The candidates of the new support the demands of the Toledo housewives 100 per cent."

PHILADELPHIA
County Fair
Sat., Oct. 19
Entertainment — Food
Dancing — Games
Militant Labor Forum
1303 W. Girard 9:30 p.m.

Minneapolis On Wallace Ouster

By Elaine Roseland

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 3 — "Wall Street is driving desperately toward a war with the Soviet Union." This charge was made by Grace Carlson, Socialist Workers Party Senatorial candidate, at an election rally here last Friday.

Speaking on "Wallace, Wall Street and World War III," Comrade Carlson pointed out that the dismissal of Wallace means that the American capitalists who want war with the Soviet Union now, are the dominant power in Washington today. Wallace, she said, represents that section of American capitalists whose business interests would best be served by making a "deal" with Stalin at the present time. He is no sincere anti-war fighter or friend of the USSR. His differences with Truman-Byrnes are purely tactical.

"In some parts of the world, the dead bodies of some soldiers haven't been laid to a resting place and yet World War III is already being planned," she said. Wallace, by exploiting the anti-war sentiments of the vast majority of American workers, is attempting to build up his own political prestige and to hold the labor movement within the framework of capitalist politics," she added.

In the face of the capitalist encirclement of the Soviet Union and the threat of the atomic bomb, Stalin bases his defense of the USSR on building a "strategic bulwark." Comrade Carlson contrasted this with the policy of Lenin and Trotsky who placed their confidence in the working class of the world, the "only real allies of the workers' state in the long run."

V. R. Dunne, well-known to Minnesota workers as a militant trade unionist and revolutionary fighter, was chairman of the meeting. He stressed the serious meaning and intent of the Socialist Workers' Party entrance into the election campaign, "We enter the campaign to win."

The large audience contributed generously to the campaign fund to elect Comrade Carlson for U. S. Senate, Warren Creel for Congress, 3rd District, and Dorothy Schultz for Congress, 4th District.

Election posters in the meeting hall carried the slogans: "Vote for Labor Candidates — End Company Unionism' in Politics" and "Strike A Blow Against Jim Crow—Vote SWP."

Truman's Brand of "Sympathy

"The Democratic administrations since 1933 more to secure equal rights for every r and color than was accomplished by all the

Republican ad- m i n i s t r a t i o n s combined. "The sympathetic attitude of the Roosevelt and Truman administrations to these problems stands in sharp contrast to the unperformed promises of Republican politicians."

The above is a statement made on Sept. 26 by the executive committee of the Democratic National Committee in Washington.

Most of this statement is a lie —a big filthy lie of the kind practised by Hitler. When the Democrats talk about the shabby record of the Republicans, then of course they are on safe ground. But when they start glorifying their own record, they have to lie as hard as they know how.

What are these remarkable achievements of the Democrats in the field of equal rights since 1933? Do any Negroes know anything about them?

SAME NEEDS

In 1932 we wanted legislation to stop lynching, abolish the poll tax, halt economic discrimination. These are the very same things we want and need today. The Democratic administrations —even though they controlled both houses of Congress—didn't even try to pass these elementary bills, let alone to "secure equal rights." And yet they have the nerve to come around and tell us about their "sympathetic attitude!" They know what they can do with their sympathetic attitudes.

Let's take a concrete example — the question of lynching. Roosevelt may have had a sympathetic attitude on this question, but he never put up a fight to get the anti-lynch bill passed. It's not sympathy we need, but action—and that we never got from Roosevelt.

From Truman we get the same kind of old deal that we got from Roosevelt and the Republicans before him. Except that Truman is not as shrewd a politician as Roosevelt was; he is cruder and says things Roosevelt was too smart to give away.

Take the case of Truman's statement to an anti-lynch delegation headed by Paul Robeson last month. Asked to make a formal public st lynching and to lead for an anti-lynch l said that he had alw lynching but there w matters which made ficult for him to is ment denouncing this time.

It so happened t was speaking the tr body knows what th matters are. Th Democrats would not man's politics — the Party's politics — is often stands in the a statement against Anti everyone above 12 knows how littl such statements are.

Such an attitude thetic" all right—ex the lynch mobs, the the white supremacist

HOW IT ADDS UP

The Negro people t try ought to ponde incident very caref should remember it to the polls on Nov. 5 should think about it tion Day too. Here adds up to:

Lynching is conn closely with "politic So is the poll tax, a fight for equality in and everywhere else. all political questions not be solved withi fines of Democratic lican Party politics.

Our fight for equal litical fight. It is a f the politics and politi capitalist parties wh from Jim Crow an along color lines working people.

You cannot succe a war unless your w as good as those of t In the same way we our fight against the parties unless we ha too—a party of our o that fights in our int

This means that right now and conti Election Day, the Ne must fight for the an Independent La based on the trade u the Negro organizati out a party such as t face only frustration, ment, setbacks and the political fight fo and emancipation.

Hear The SWP Candidates!
New York Street Meetings

DATE	TIME	PLACE
Saturday, Oct. 12		
	8:00- 9:00	8th Avenue & 124th St.
Monday, Oct. 14		
	8:15- 9:15	Fulton & Nostrand
	9:30-10:30	Fulton & Albany
	8:30-10:30	86th Street & 2nd Avenue
Tuesday, Oct. 15		
	8:15- 9:15	4th St. & Avenue C
	9:30-10:30	5th St. & Avenue B
Friday, Oct. 14		
	8:15- 9:15	Burnside & Walton Aves.
	9:30-10:30	170th St. & Walton Ave.
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	9:30-10:30	Lenox Ave. bet. 115 & 116 Sts.

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Sunday Forum—3 p.m.

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Sat. night, open house.

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RICH REAL ESTATE OWNERS DRIVE TO LIFT ALL RENTS

Millions Of Tenants Face Rent Boosts Of 15 To 30%

Big real estate sharks, backed by a powerful bloc of Congressmen, are moving to rip the ceilings off rents and add billions of dollars to the cost of living of the American people.

Their appetites whetted by the huge price rises won by the meat, dairy and other trusts, the wealthy real estate interests are hammering at the Truman administration for "justice and emergency relief" for the "poor" landlords who are raking in 40 per cent more than before the war.

Truman, who wilted under the pressure of the meat and dairy trusts, cannot be depended on to act any differently under the pressure of the landlords. There is grave danger rent controls will soon be abolished or rent ceilings lifted 15 to 30 per cent.

PUT ON SQUEEZE

If that happens, millions of workers and veterans will face eviction because of inability to meet the extortionate rent demands of the landlords.

The landlords are in this position to put the squeeze on the workers because the government has failed to relieve the housing shortage by a full-scale program of government low-cost housing construction. Opposition of the rapacious real estate interests to government "competition" is behind the government's housing failure.

So-called "landlord strikes" that began in Seattle several weeks ago are spreading throughout the west coast and moving east. The landlords are conducting an organized refusal to rent vacancies, while millions are in dire need of housing. The withholding of housing follows the pattern of the meat famine used to smash meat price ceilings.

DEMAND BOOST

The National Association of Real Estate Boards is pushing a three-point program calling for an immediate 15 per cent increase in residential rents; removal of all controls from landlords who give a year's lease to tenants at a 15 per cent increase; and immediate elimination of all price and rent ceilings on new housing.

Fight The Rent-Hogs

AN EDITORIAL

If the wealthy rent hogs win their war against rent controls, the workers will find themselves in the worst squeeze they have ever experienced.

When food or clothing prices go up, workers "pare" a little — eat less, buy less. But you can't "pare" on housing. Either you pay the full rent or the landlord kicks you out with the help of courts and deputies.

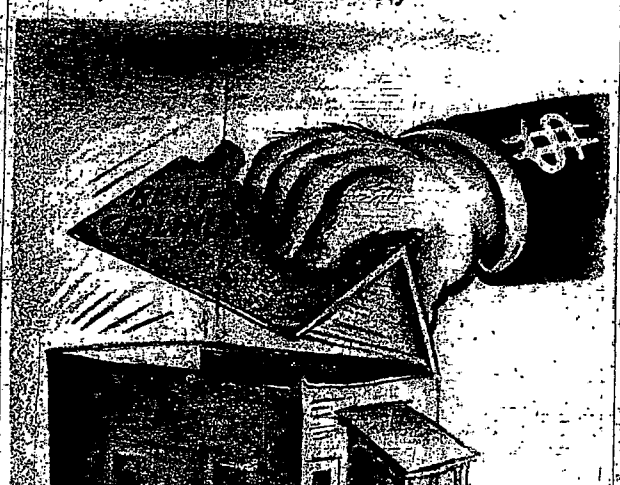
That's what's facing millions if the landlords have their way. And it looks like they're going to have their way if it's left up to Truman and Congress.

But the rapacious real estate interests are giving a lesson to the tenants on how to get what you want. The landlords have organized "strikes"—refusal to rent vacancies in order to worsen the housing crisis.

Two can play that game! Rent strikes are nothing new. Organized tenants have refused to pay rent before and forced the landlords to better terms. Remember, landlords number thousands; but tenants number millions.

Workers, veterans, tenants! Organize now for mass resistance to rent hikes! Only mass action will halt the rent-gouge and keep the roofs over your heads.

Raising The Roof



SWP Pickets Hit Ballot-Ban In New York

NEW YORK, Nov. 1 — A close-packed picket line of some 200 members and friends of the Socialist Workers Party, shouting denunciations of the Democratic Party for barring SWP candidates from the ballot, marched up and down the full length of the entrance to Madison Square Garden last night where an American Labor Party-sponsored Mead-Lehman election rally was held. The Stalinists control the ALP.

Leading the picket line were Farrell Dobbs, SWP candidate for Governor; Joseph Hansen, candidate for U. S. Senate; and George Clarke, organizer of the New York Local of the SWP. Placards urged the New York workers to write in the name of Farrell Dobbs on Nov. 5 as a protest against the Democratic Party's efforts to bring Hitler's "Ja!" voting to New York.

Police attempted to halt the picket line as soon as it was formed. They failed after a verbal dispute with the leaders on the line, whose arguments were backed up with shouts from 200 throats of: "We want a free ballot!" "No Bilbo elections in New York!"

The line marched without interruption for about an hour during which the shouting and chanting never ceased.

The Stalinist leaders on the sidelines looked on in helpless rage as the solid and effective picket line attracted the attention of thousands of New Yorkers. Several workers off the street joined the line and added their protests against the conspiracy of the Democratic Party.

Thousands of Militants, election platforms, and special leaflets

Leads Picket Line

FARRELL DOBBS
Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor of N. Y.

Red-Scare Drive Condemned By Buffalo Unions

BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 4—Workers in 13 CIO plants here have taken action against red-baiting in the labor movement. They have endorsed a strong resolution sponsored by CIO United Auto Workers Bell Local 501, which condemns red-baiting and witch-hunting as a union-busting maneuver inspired by Big Business.

The resolution declares that red-baiting must be fought by all of labor, and calls for maintenance of the democratic principle upon which the CIO was founded: That there shall be no discrimination against any member because of race, creed, sex or political views.

According to the latest issue of The 501 Organizer, the resolution has been approved by the Republic Steel Local 1743; American Radiator Local 1189; four United Electrical shops in Tonawanda Amalgamated Local 308; officers of five Mine, Mill and Smelter locals; Leather Local 39; and Fur Workers Local 115. Two months ago, on Sept. 10, the Buffalo CIO Council went on record in opposition to all forms of red-baiting. (See Militant, Sept. 21.)

Miners Compel Government To Reopen Contract

Faced with an AFL United Mine Workers ultimatum backed by a threat of a strike on Nov. 1, the Truman administration hastily backed down last week on its "get-tough-with-the-miners" attitude and agreed to begin discussions looking toward revision of its contract with the 400,000 soft coal miners.

Truman himself intervened to announce "that there would be no coal strike" and instructed government officials in charge of government-seized coal mines to open discussions on all disputed issues on Nov. 1 as the UMW had demanded.

On the eve of the conference, Capt. W. E. Collison, Coal Mines Administrator, announced a preliminary concession to the Miners. The government has agreed, after previous refusal, to provide retroactive payments of vacation pay based on employment prior to the government's seizure of the mines on May 22.

Collison, who had previously said the government would "absolutely not" agree to reopen the contract, announced at the open-

The Crisis In The Communist Party See Page 2

Why Wall Street War-Mongers Greet Slogan Of "Disarmament"

By Joseph Hansen

On Oct. 29, Foreign Minister Molotov raised the slogan of disarmament in the General Assembly of the United Nations. Molotov demanded that "the atomic bomb be outlawed." He submitted for the consideration of the General Assembly "a general reduction of armaments."

The response of the imperialist statesmen and their agents was as automatic as the kick of a foot when the knee reflex is tapped with a hammer.

Republican Senator Warren R. Austin, speaking next day as chief delegate of the United States to the General Assembly, readily concurred that "Mr. Molotov's proposal should be placed in our agenda and fully considered and discussed."

Other delegates—from Mexico, Greece, India, Brazil, Canada, etc., etc.—all applauded the call for disarmament.

Norman Thomas of the Socialist Party, as usual, joined the choir. Henry A. Wallace chimed in praising Molotov's speech as "fine, constructive statement."

Wall Street's mouthpiece, the N. Y. Times, joined Austin in welcoming "Mr. Molotov's initiative as particularly appropriate." And the Stalinist Daily Worker sang its customary hosannahs to the Kremlin proposal, labelling Molotov's speech as "one of the most dramatic moments since the ending of the war against the Axis."

With all this remarkable unanimity, why don't they disarm? If Republicans, Democrats, the N. Y. Times, Stalinists, and Norman Thomas all agree on calling for disarmament, why isn't it instantly carried out? Why doesn't Truman issue decrees to sink the battleships, scrap the guns, stop manufacturing the atomic bomb, and halt further research into diabolical poisons that can destroy the populations of entire continents?

What's the catch?

On the surface, disarmament appears quite plausible. If the powers would only junk all their weapons, then wouldn't war be impossible?

If the cause of war lay in the possession of weapons, then destroying the weapons would of course ensure peace. But armaments in and of themselves are not the cause of war. They are only one of the means of waging war. The fundamental cause of war lies deep in the workings of the capitalist system and cannot be ended any more than profits can be ended, without ending capitalism as a whole. Like unemployment, high taxes and skyrocketing prices, the armaments burden is part and parcel of capitalism.

Actually, the slogan of disarmament has always been raised

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"Fortune" Poll Shows Veterans Support Labor

Veterans are the best friends of the labor movement, according to a poll conducted by Fortune magazine and published in its November issue. This Wall Street publication admits that 49.5 per cent of the veterans — a larger percentage than of any other section of the population — are pro-labor.

The veterans piled up a 41.5 per cent "yes" vote for "unions are doing a fine job" or "doing more good than harm." They were even more emphatic in rejecting the anti-labor drive of Congress and Wall Street. Only 17 per cent of the veterans said they would approve of Congressional action outlawing all strikes. The survey of the population as a whole turned up 27.9 per cent who would support repressive legislation.

LABOR PARTY

There were interesting answers also to the question of the Labor Party and the slogan "Open the Books of the Corporations."

Of all the people questioned, including white collar workers and farmers as well as business men, 11.5 per cent thought labor should have its own political party. When the figures were broken down to show how the labor movement itself is thinking, 28.4 of the CIO members, 19.4 per cent of the AFL members, and 22.8 per cent of all union members, went on record for a Labor Party. These figures are very encouraging, in view of the fact that the labor leaders have spent so much time and energy in the past year trying to convince the workers that such a party could not, and should not be created.

CIO Rubber Workers Demand 26-Cent An Hour Pay Raise

The Wage Policy Committee of the CIO United Rubber Workers, meeting in two-day conference at South Bend, Ind., last week announced the URW will seek wage increases of 26 cents an hour for 193,000 rubber workers to compensate for cost-of-living increases since previous wage boosts last spring.

Wage demands will be made immediately on the "Big Four" —Goodrich, Goodyear, Firestone and U.S. Rubber — said URW President C. S. Burkmaster. He added that the demand would be subject to upward revisions in the event of further price rises.

DEMAND 25c RAISE

Meanwhile, the CIO Oil Workers opened negotiations on Nov. 1 for a $2-a-day wage raise, 25 cents an hour. OWIU President O. A. Knight said, "We regard the 25-cent an hour increase as a modest effort to achieve balance between the Oil Workers income and skyrocketing prices."

The OWIU wage policy committee that drafted the new de-

adopted by other CIO unions. The CIO United Auto Workers, Executive Board in announcing the auto workers would seek "substantial wage increases", declared that "authoritative sources predict that by December of this year the cost of living will have risen 20 to 25 per cent or more above last January." On this basis, the UAW would seek at least $2 a day more.

Further indication that a general CIO wage campaign is under way was given two weeks ago when CIO and United Steel Workers President Philip Murray said the steel union would demand "healthy wage increases" in contract negotiations next January.

PROGRAM NOT SET

What program CIO leaders will

FORD 600 THREATENS STRIKE TO HALT VICTIMIZING OF 18

(Special to The Militant)

DETROIT, OCT. 30 — Officers of Ford Local 600, largest unit of the CIO United Auto Workers, today announced they are preparing to file a 30-day NLRB strike notice to shut down the Ford River Rouge plant on Nov. 29 if the company fails to rescind its "disciplinary" action against 18 workers who participated in a recent 10-day strike against dangerous conditions in the open hearth room.

The company yesterday fired one worker and suspended 17 others for two to three weeks. It vide protection against deadly sodium fluoride fumes that had poisoned several workers.

The 30-day strike notice was approved by unanimous vote of the Ford Local 600 Executive Board. Local 600 President Thomas Thompson stated: "This action is taken in conformity with a vote by the membership of the union and opens the way for legal strike action following the 30-day period provided for in the Smith-Connally act."

The union is demanding immediate elimination of the poison gas and other health hazards

'ascist Outfit In Georgia

of a newly-chartered secret fascist or- Columbians, Inc., was uncovered in At- week when its gangster members came with a Jim-Crow pogrom against Negro to sections to whites.

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Loomis, secretary, were arrested and released on Nov. 2 on bail of $5,000 each, on charges of disorderly conduct and inciting a riot.

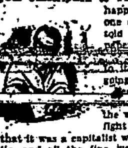
At the fascist meeting Emory C. Burke, president of the organization, and Loomis whipped up a Hitler-type race-hating campaign, spewing forth venomous lies against the Jews. One of the several hundred Jews who visited the meeting hall as observers protested. The fascists leaped to their feet with cries of: "Throw him out."

Police intervened to prevent angry war veterans from stopping the fascists in their lynch campaign. Burke became even more brazen: "The fight has begun and we are going to make it hotter and hotter until you go back to the Bronx, where you

Diary of a Steel Worker

Letter To A MILITANT Reader

By Theodore Kovalesky



Dear Friend:

I wonder just how it was when you bought your subscription to The Militant. Perhaps it happened in the shop, when one of your union brothers told you about a workers' paper that told the truth [illegible] to its guns, even when the going was tough.

Perhaps you subscribed [illegible] the workers had nothing to fight for, nothing to win, that it was a capitalist war for power and profits, and all the fine words about a "war for democracy" were lies.

Perhaps one evening a young member of the Socialist Workers Party knocked on your door and showed you the paper for the first time.

Perhaps you belong to the Communist Party. You might have gotten your first Militant at a distribution outside the hall where you went to hear Browder or Foster. It must have been refreshing and stimulating when you read it, when you saw in print the very things that you believed in the bottom of your heart should have been printed in the Daily Worker but weren't printed there. You must have felt deep satisfaction when you read in The Militant that the Socialist Workers Party always opposed the wartime no-strike pledge that bound labor's hands, when you read that the SWP opposed the capitalist war and defended every colonial nation that fought for liberty and every worker out on strike and every Negro or Jew fighting for life and dignity against fascists, Ku Kluxers, and other reactionary race-haters.

You and I are brothers, comrades. We want a better world. We have this thing in common, our desire for truth and justice, freedom and equality. If you didn't feel this way, you wouldn't have subscribed to The Militant.

Feeling the way you do about the ideas of The Militant, don't you want to do something to help? The fifty cents you paid to have the paper sent [illegible] paper to you. That's a low price, but it couldn't put out the paper without other financial help.

You must have read by now about the Emergency [illegible] Party on Page 5 of The Militant. That's what I want to talk to you about:

We need those few dollars or cents that you can manage to spare. And I ask you to give them. Or rather I ask you to INVEST them.

If you give to the SWP fund, you invest money in a new world. You strike against fascism and tyranny. A political party needs money, you know.

The party has to put out leaflets, print pamphlets, help distribute The Militant and the Fourth International. There are no big advertisers to pour money into the paper, and without money, there wouldn't have been any Militant for you to read.

You can help in this fight against misery, tyranny and war. You can dig down and give as much as you can afford. You'll be giving the money to the Socialist Workers Party to help YOU and your kids. You'll be laying a brick in the building of Socialism and buying a share of stock in the new world.

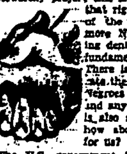
Don't put it off: There are so many things we intend to do that we just don't get around to doing. But this is important! It could be, some day, a matter of life and death, of freedom or fascism.

Fraternally, T. K.

The Negro Struggle

Jim Crow In The Capital

By Joe Morgan



A "bill of rights" for the world is being drawn up by a United Nations sub-committee. A most noteworthy project this is, when one considers that right here in the "land of the free" 14,000,000 or more Negroes are daily being denied some of the most fundamental rights of man. There is no need to enumerate these injustices here. We Negroes know what they are and any informed white man is also aware of them. So, how about a bill of rights for us?

The U.S. government is co-operating with other countries in drafting this so-called "bill of rights." And yet in the seat of government, Washington, D. C., the pattern of Jim Crow is as rigid as in any city of the deep South.

In recent months picket lines have been thrown around some of the places practicing Jim Crow, with many liberal actors, doctors and lawyers signing "anti-discrimination petitions, etc. Among the places being picketed was the National Theater, and President Truman was so informed by telegram. But two days later Washington policemen dispersed the pickets in front of the theater just before the whole presidential family entered. Photographers for a Negro paper were told by secret service men not to take pictures. Truman later said he had not known anything about a picket line.

The crude Missouri tactics employed here fare badly in comparison with the late Roosevelt's smooth approach. Roosevelt would not have gone into that theater, but Roosevelt also did NOT end the segregation policies in the District even when he controlled Congress lock, stock and barrel.

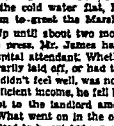
Washington was run for many years by the Democrats who had a majority on the District of Columbia Committee of the Senate. When it is recalled that Senator Bilbo was chairman of this committee and therefore "Mayor" of Washington, it is easy to understand why Washington was run so much like the South. But now the Republicans control the Senate and this committee. Yet Washington's Jim-Crow pattern has not been altered in any way.

What a glaring contradiction Washington offers to the rest of the world! While U. S. delegates in the UN are continually prating about the lack of democracy in other countries, their government practices the most vicious kind of discrimination and segregation against one-tenth of its citizens.

Washington is an example of the direct reactionary role of the capitalist government with regard to the Negro people. It plays the same role in other parts of the country, but not so openly. We Negroes cannot expect a government which Jim Crows us in the armed forces and in the very seat of the government, to bring us any help in our fight for equality. The only way we can get the equality we want is by concerted action with other workers toward a common goal. And that means a fight against the government too.

Cold Water Flat Available

By Joseph Hansen



A New York City Marshal by the name of James Mullins got an order the other day to evict a family in Staten Island. The eviction appeared to be no more than a routine item in the day's working of the law. Some people, it seems, are incapable of practicing enough thrift to pay up their rent, thus infringing on the landlord's right to enjoy a fair return on his investment.

The tenant, Hinton James, was 79 years old. As his aged wife busied herself in the kitchen of the cold water flat, he waited in the front room to greet the Marshal.

Up until about two months ago, according to the press, Mr. James had been employed as a hospital attendant. Whether he was fired, temporarily laid off, or had to stop working because he didn't feel well, was not reported. But lacking sufficient income, he fell behind in rent until the debt to the landlord amounted to $25.

What went on in the old worker's mind as he waited to be evicted remains a mystery, since he took a clothes line and hanged himself without leaving any message that would indicate his last thoughts.

His wife, meanwhile, busied herself in the kitchen. Whether the noise of her activities blotted out other sounds, or whether in her old age she was a bit hard of hearing, is not clear. Possibly her husband died without a violent struggle. In any case, the first sound to attract her attention was Marshal Mullins hammering on the door.

It was when she went to admit the Marshal that Mrs. James saw her husband hanging by the neck from the clothes line.

Marshall Mullins proved to be a man of rare humaneness for a cop. He told the widow that he would not evict her. How this generous concession squared with the law was not mentioned by the press.

Another factor that might have swayed Mullins in reaching his unusual decision was Mrs. James' evident lack of composure. It appeared doubtful she could handle herself in the street with the household furniture stacked on the sidewalk. In fact the aged woman seemed so unnerved that Mullins ordered her taken to a hospital.

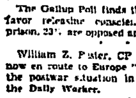
The hospital admitted her long enough to treat her for shock, probably as an emergency case. Then, according to the press, "she was removed to the New York City Farm Colony at New Springville."

It would thus appear that a vacant cold water flat is available in Staten Island although the press said nothing about Mrs. James' furniture being removed or Mullins deciding to go ahead with the eviction.

This incident, humdrum and ordinary as it is, nevertheless reveals the singular advantages offered by the capitalist system. So long as Wall Street runs the country, you are safe from such horrors of socialism as decent old age pensions for the poor or a guaranteed annual income that might sap your moral fiber and deprive you of the incentive to get out and hustle.

Under capitalism, no matter what your age, you are guaranteed complete freedom to exercise individual initiative — even if it takes the form of hanging yourself by the kitchen clothes line.

Notes From The News



Professor James Burnham, who broke with Marxism and the labor movement in 1940, has written a new book, The Struggle for the World, which will be published next month. An advance quotation from it reads as follows: "The survival of democracy in this country requires the suppression of communism, now."

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The Gallup Poll finds that 69% of the people favor releasing conscientious objectors from prison, 23% are opposed and 8% have no opinion.

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William Z. Foster, CP national chairman, is now en route to Europe "to study at first hand the postwar situation in Europe," according to the Daily Worker.

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The New York City public school system will experiment this semester with a new course designed "to instill America's traditional principles of free economic enterprise," according to the Feb. 8 N. Y. Times. If successful, this inculcation of capitalist propaganda into 500 "selected" pupils will be repeated next fall.

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The Socialist Party National Executive Committee's only demand in connection with the proposed merger with the Social Democratic Federation is agreement on the need for the united group to run a candidate for president in 1948 if there is no third party by then.

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Over 400 conscientious objectors and pacifists were scheduled to publicly burn their draft cards at protest meetings organized by the Break-With-Conscription Committee in a dozen important cities on Feb. [illegible].

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Negroes are registering to vote by the thousands in Mississippi. Leadership in the drive is being taken by Negro ex-GI's.

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The Communist Party has had to extend its 1947 re-registration of members to March 1. Almost 20% of its members in New York State have not yet signed up.

N. Y. BANKERS PUSH SUBWAY FARE STEAL

By Joseph Hansen

NEW YORK, Feb. 10 — The public hearings opened by New York's Mayor O'Dwyer on the proposal to double the 5-cent subway fare is only the latest chapter in a tale of plunder that goes back to 1894. In that year a group of Wall Street sharks made a deal with City Hall called the "Dual Contracts" under which two holding companies, the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. and the Brooklyn Manhattan Transit were given a franchise to operate elevated and subway lines owned by the city for 75 years.

Under the "Dual Contracts" the city put up $326,000,000 for the construction and extension of these lines. The Wall Street operators put up only $287,000,000. Looking far ahead, these financiers demanded—and got — a clause guaranteeing them a minimum profit of $10,000,000 a year.

For several decades these two companies made enormous profits operating the city-owned lines—yearly dividends ran as high as 30%. But after the First World War costs began to mount. Under management of the Wall Street operators the subway system steadily deteriorated, until cars, tracks and other equipment became so bad additional huge investments were required. The private operators of the city-owned subways and elevateds clamored to raise the fare to 10 cents. The "Dual Contracts," however, carried a clause reading, "the rate of fare shall be five cents but no more."

Even the Supreme Court, to whom the Wall Street interests appealed, was forced to uphold this clause.

Finally in 1939, when their minimum guaranteed profits had reached the colossal figure of $450,000,000 (actual profits were far greater) they worked out a coup that has few parallels.

They opened negotiations with LaGuardia, then Mayor of New York, offering to sell the city the unexpired portion of their franchise on the city's lines for the amount they had originally invested, plus a substantial bonus. After some haggling, LaGuardia finally settled for $326,248,187 and took over the badly-deteriorated lines in June 1940.

This was not a cash deal, however. The Wall Street operators took bonds bearing the high rate of 3% interest.

Thus the bankers and real estate interests not only made their original investment many times over in the profits they shook down, but when their franchise was three-fifths gone they converted it into gilt-edged bonds that at the present rate would eventually pay them off $1,381,000,000, according to estimates in the press.

LaGuardia palmed off this swindle as a necessary step in consolidating the lines, giving riders free transfers from one system to another, and re-equipping, modernizing and extending the transit system.

The Socialist Workers Party, however, pointed out at that time that the scandalous fraud was a preliminary step in Wall Street's drive to raise the 5-cent fare to 10 cents.

WALL ST. SWAG

Since 1940 the subways have shown an operating profit. Last year, for instance, this profit was $7,000,000. But the booty paid to the former operators of the city's lines has wiped out this profit and thrown the books far into the red. The "debt service," as the advocates of the 10-cent fare euphemistically call the tribute paid Wall Street, amounted last year to $57,000,000. Had Wall Street continued to operate the lines, the shakedown would have been only $10,000,000.

Last June O'Dwyer opened a campaign to double the 5-cent fare. On July 15 the N. Y. Times revealed his strategy: "The Mayor is known to feel that the matter should go to popular referendum as soon as possible, perhaps by next spring." At the same time O'Dwyer expected to work out "some process not imposing on the Board of Estimate the politically 'red hot' burden of actually fixing a higher fare as a condition precedent to a referendum."

Since then the New York capitalist press has pounded on the "need" for a 10-cent fare. And while O'Dwyer has maintained the pretense of a "last ditch fight" against the proposed increase, the Chamber of Commerce, the Citizens Transit Committee, and the State Association of Real Estate Boards have carried the ball for him.

The capitalist press howls about the "ancient level" of 5-cents, about "a 10-cent ride for a nickel," about the dismal arithmetic" of transit finances, about how "unthinkable" the present fare is; about cutting out "free rides" and establishing a "self-sustaining" fare. But the cold truth is the proposed increase would raise the cost of living for the average New York family by $75 to $100 a year — for no other reason but to guarantee the annual tribute paid to Wall Street.

New Pamphlet By Cannon Out In March

NEW YORK, Feb. 10—Pioneer Publishers announced today that its next pamphlet, The Coming American Revolution, by James P. Cannon, National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, will be off the press March 1.

The pamphlet contains the "Theses on the American Revolution" adopted at the November 1946 convention of the Socialist Workers Party, and a speech on the theses delivered by Cannon at this convention.

The pamphlet explains why the United States has now been caught up in the main stream of revolutionary development. American economy never recovered from the catastrophic depression of 1929-1938. The Second World War only postponed the inevitable revolutionary crisis. The postwar depression now looming will prove far more devastating than the depression of the Thirties, Cannon predicts.

The working class on whose shoulders the future rests is stronger than ever before. What the American workers accomplished in the trade union field will now be extended to politics. The victory of socialism in America cannot long be delayed, in Cannon's opinion.

The first edition of this important pamphlet will be 20,000 copies. It has an attractive cover by the Trotskyist artist J. Thal. It is 32 pages and will sell for 10 cents.

Local 212 Hits New Witch Hunt In Michigan

DETROIT, Feb. 10—Republican Governor Kim Sigler, who last week initiated a red-baiting witch-hunt against Michigan college students and ordered an "investigation" of communist influence among state employes, has been strongly denounced in a resolution by the Executive Board of Briggs Local 212, UAW-CIO.

The resolution calls attention to the fact that "the daily press has been filled in recent days with statements and scare stories announcing a red-baiting witch-hunt under the leadership of Governor Sigler on a state-wide basis."

It points out the meaning of such attacks: "Experience has demonstrated repeatedly that the red-baiting attacks of the employers and their governmental representatives serve as a cover for a drive against all labor and progressive movements.

"The present witch-hunt fits the traditional pattern and seems designed to divert attention from the fact that Governor Sigler and his administration are doing nothing to provide the people of this state with an adequate housing program [illegible] control measure and to hide the fact that Sigler and his administration are in opposition to the FEPC bill and the legitimate wage demands of the employes of the state of Michigan."

Picket For Rent Control

American Labor Party members in New York picket state Republican headquarters with signs: "You control Washington, you control Albany, why don't you control rents?" (Federated Pictures)

San Pedro Police Brutally Beat, Jail Innocent Negro

By Louis Kisner

SWP Candidate for Los Angeles City Council, 15th District

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Feb. 7—I have just spoken to Alfred Giles, a Negro worker who was brutally mauled by the city police, then jailed and charged with assault and battery. When Alfred Giles was brought into court his face was swollen and disfigured, a cut above his eye was bleeding, his shirt and trousers were badly bloodstained. Despite his obvious condition, Judge Irvin Taplin declared him guilty.

Last Christmas Eve, Mr. Giles, Mrs. Giles and several friends were driving along Capitol Drive in Channel Heights housing project, only a few blocks from his home, when his motor was stalled by the pouring rain. A police car drove up and ordered Mr. Giles to get his car off the road.

COP DRAWS GUN

As the police car began to drive off, it backed into the stalled car. The maddened officer, McGraw, jumped out of his car, accused Giles of bumping the police car and shoved a pistol into his side. "Get out of this damn car," the officer threatened, "and let me fill you full of lead!"

The terrorized occupants of the car began to plead with the cop not to shoot. McGraw then replaced his pistol and drew a "slapper" from his pocket with which he beat Mr. Giles about the face and in the stomach. The other officer appeared now with a blackjack and began to beat the helpless victim as they dragged him out of the car.

"The last I could remember," said Alfred Giles, "I was going down into the water. Then I knew enough to feel them throw me in the floor of the police car on my face and McGraw was riding in the back resting his feet on my back. The handcuffs were too tight on my wrists behind my back, so I asked him to relieve the handcuffs. He stamped on my back and said, 'Lay there and be quiet!' Then they took me to jail."

NOTHING NEW

This terror is nothing new in San Pedro, a district which is overwhelmingly populated by workers — seamen, longshoremen, fishermen, cannery workers and others. Many Mexican and Negro workers live here. Police brutality is directed particularly against the racial minority groups.

The action of the police and the court in the case of Alfred Giles, however, has not gone unnoticed. On Jan. 30, the date set for Mr. Giles' sentence, Judge Taplin faced a packed court. He was compelled to set a date to hear arguments in favor of a new trial. The hearing will take place on Feb. 13 in the San Pedro Municipal Court.

DETROIT COPS FORCE WAY INTO HOME, BEAT NEGRO

By R. Young

DETROIT, Feb. 9—Detroit police brutality has found its latest victim. Enoch Coleman, college graduate and at present a Detroit factory worker, was viciously beaten and injured when police, without a search warrant, forcibly entered his home at 4870 Russell on the night of Jan. 13.

Mr. Coleman related this story to the Militant reporter: "Upon answering a knock at the door, I was confronted by two plainclothesmen who flashed their badges before me. I attempted to keep them out of my house since they had no search warrant of entry. They gave no explanation or reasons. They said that they wanted to ask me some questions. I told them that they could ask the questions at the door. When I said that, they lunged into the door, forced their way in, and used abusive and vile language in front of my four children.

"They started to dial my phone, but I wouldn't permit it. I pointed out that there was a police box in front of my house. When I told them that I had my rights as a citizen, the police sneered and called me a 'black——.' Every time I cut off the phone they hit me, until they gave up and left.

"Thirty minutes later four policemen appeared at my door. They began to pull at me saying, 'You're going to jail.' I was pushed out of the door and I fell down the stairs. As I lay there, one of them hit me in the eye with a flashlight while another kicked me in the back. I was handcuffed behind my back and taken to jail in a patrol car.

"I was told that I was being booked on a charge of being a fugitive from justice. The original charge was changed to assaulting an officer and later changed to felonious assault.

"At Detroit Receiving Hospital I was treated for my wounds. Later I received a bill for this medical treatment.

"After I was dragged away, my wife told me that the house was ransacked."

To this day Mr. Coleman has not been told why the police desired to question him or gain entrance to his home. As in all other similar cases, it is the victim who is brought before the court as the offender while the police walk the streets free.

Bartell's Speech At Rally

The following is an extract from the speech by Michael Bartell, Socialist Workers Party write-in candidate for mayor of Chicago, delivered at the SWP Election Rally on Feb. 2.

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Chicago is rotting away and this is true of all cities in capitalist America.

The city is decaying from the center outward, and the decay is spreading like creeping gangrene, embracing ever greater numbers in its grasp. The rich can escape by fleeing to the suburbs, but the workers are trapped.

Chicago was a great city in its day — it was built in the heyday of capitalist expansion. Its grandeur was a product of capitalist growth, and now its decadence and decline is a product of the decay and putrefaction of that same outlived system.

So the real issue in this election is, who shall rule, who shall be the masters, the plutocrats—who are a handful of parasites leading all of humanity to ruin and destruction—or the workers who are the millions, and who build and create. That is the real issue you must decide when you vote.

A vote for capitalist candidates is a vote to continue the same slums, the same racial discrimination, and bigger wars and depressions. A vote for our candidates is a vote for a workers' government, a new world, a new life, for the happiness and peace that can be ours, and that we are fully entitled to — it is a vote for a socialist society.

Homer Lewis Talk On Housing

The following is part of the speech by Homer Lewis, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Alderman in the Third Ward of Chicago, delivered at the SWP Election Rally on Feb. 2.

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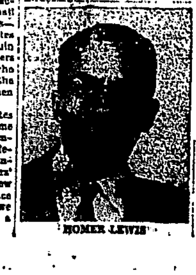

HOMER LEWIS

In addition to the general housing shortage, my people's problem is made more acute by the damnable restrictive covenants and Jim Crow practices. These measures restrict Negroes into black ghettos in this so-called land of freedom. They squeeze us into already overcrowded tenements, fire-trap attics, and flooded basements.

Three hundred and seventy-five thousand people in Chicago live in blighted areas. These are districts so rundown, rat-infested, disease ridden and unhealthy that experts have condemned them as unfit for human habitation.

Two hundred and forty-two thousand dwelling units in Chicago have been declared unsafe to live in. Today these condemned tenements are crammed from attic to basement with men, women and children. A house on the South Side, built for three families, now holds 18. Another built for six, houses 44. Recently I saw a space behind a store. I can hardly call it an apartment, housing a family of 14. One of the children has to sleep in the bath tub.

Eleven lives have been lost in the past few weeks through a series of tenement fires.

Someone benefits from slum areas. Someone makes a profit from the misery and disease of overcrowded tenements. More profit is made from sub-standard buildings than would be made if new, decent houses were built and rented to workers at a price we can afford to pay. The profit system stands in the way. The profit system must go.

We can expect no help from the city administration, which serves the interests of big business. These Charlie McCarthies only make gestures, while conditions remain the same. Workers must form their own organizations now. ORGANIZE TENANTS' UNIONS to fight the landlords on the economic front. ORGANIZE AN INDEPENDENT LABOR PARTY to fight capitalism on the political front.

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Speaking Of Operations

By Theodore Kovalesky

They say middle-aged women love to talk about their operations. Well, sometimes we talk about them too . . . like the day before yesterday when Paul Spack, the [illegible] a shutdown. Paul had just come back in work after an [illegible] this about operations in general.

Finally Jimmy said. "That's nothing next to what I read in a magazine once. It told about a fellow that had headaches all the time. He went to a doctor about it, and it turned out he had a tumor."

Pete Rossi whistled. "A brain tumor! That's bad."

"Sure is," Jimmy went on. "The doctor told him he had to have an operation or else he'd die in a couple of months. So he had the operation, and they took out a third of his brain.

"A third!" Slim was incredulous. "How did he ever pull through?"

"Oh, he lived, all right," Jimmy said. "But, you know one thing? He began to get them headaches again before long. You see, it was one of them what they call malignant tumors, and the doctor didn't get all of it, so he had to go back for another operation.

"Well, they took out another third of his brain, and — "

"Hey, wait a minute, Jimmy," Pete interrupted. "I think you're coming out with some more of that baloney of yours."

"Honest, Pete," Jimmy was all sincerity. "I read this in a magazine. I'll bring it out here and show it to you."

"Hell," Pete snorted, "no man could live with [illegible] his brain!" howled Hoth Slim and Pete in unison.

"Look," Jimmy said reproachfully, "I'm only telling you what I read in a magazine. They said it was one case in a million."

"I guess it was," Pete said with heavy sarcasm. "I suppose the guy's still living without any brain?"

"That's right," Jimmy said. "He's doing fine now."

"What's he doing now?" Slim asked. "How does he make a living without any brain?"

Jimmy finally broke into the long-delayed grin. "He's in Congress, on the Labor Committee!"

I groaned. "Jimmy," I said, "How can you remember such an old story?"

A couple of minutes later when we had stopped kidding, Pete suddenly said. "You know, that story of Jimmy's is all wrong!"

I grinned. "Yeah?"

"Sure! Those Congressmen ain't so dumb! They've got all kinds of connections with Big Business, and they've got plenty of money. They're not so dumb when it comes to sucking it into the workingman. They know what they're doing!"

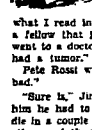
"Yeah," we said.

The Negro Struggle

Marshall Defines Democracy

By William E. Bohannon

This spring the thoughts of politicians preparing for war seem to be turning to definitions of democracy. Last week this column discussed President Truman's remarks on the subject in his March 12 speech demanding funds and military personnel to be used in Greece and Turkey. This week we want to discuss Secretary of State Marshall's definition of the subject, made in connection with the discussions on Germany's future at the Moscow "Peace" Conference.



Among the basic democratic rights, says Marshall, is "the right of every individual to develop his mind and his soul in the ways of his own choice, free of fear and coercion — provided only that he does not interfere with the rights of others."

But how about Isaac Woodard? He was a Negro soldier, on his way home after overseas service — what happened to his right to develop according to his own choice, free of terror and coercion? Why wasn't the South Carolina cop who gouged out his eyes even mildly punished?

"To us," Marshall continued, "a society is not democratic if men who respect the rights of their fellow men are not free to express their own beliefs and convictions without fear that they may be snatched away from their home or family."

In that case, what kind of society do we have in Mississippi where Negroes cannot freely express their beliefs, even in the Democratic Party primaries, without fear that they will be beaten or lynched? Not a democratic society, according to this definition.

"To us," Marshall went on, "a society is not free if law-abiding citizens live in fear of being denied the right to work or deprived of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

If that is true, then what kind of society exists in the United States where law-abiding Negro citizens are constantly denied the right to work at jobs for which they are qualified? What kind of society is it where the government refuses to adopt legislation to end such job discrimination? Or that refuses to protect life and liberty by adopting legislation against lynching and the poll tax?

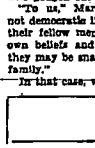
Certainly not a free society, according to Marshall's definition.

But why is this matter even brought up by a dyed-in-the-wool brass hat, who has never tolerated the slightest suspicion of democracy in his own field, the army? As my mother says, even the devil will quote Scripture. Marshall is not interested in protecting democracy; he is just using it as propaganda against the Stalinist bureaucrats in the Soviet government. His aim is not to get democracy for the Germans or the Russians or for anyone else; it is just to prepare the political ground for another war, when the brass hats will be able to take over not merely part of the government, but all of it.

Number One Killer

By Grace Carlson

Among all of the "Weeks" which are celebrated throughout the year — "Be Kind To Your Dog Week," "Own Your Own Home Week," etc., "National Heart Week" (Feb. 9 to 14) certainly has the greatest value. It is the National Heart Association which sets aside this week in order to acquaint the public about heart disease and to raise funds for additional research in this field.



Heart disease is the nation's number one killer. During World War II, the battle deaths among the armed forces approximated 325,000, but during this same period, more than two million men, women and children on the "home front" were killed by diseases of the heart and blood vessels. Heart disease takes a greater toll than the five other leading causes of death combined — three times as many deaths as cancer; six times as many as accidents; seven times as many as pneumonia and ten times as many as tuberculosis.

After the age of 45, one out of every two deaths is caused by heart disease, but it is not simply an affliction of old age. Heart disease causes more deaths among children between the ages of 10 and 15 than any other disease. It is rheumatic heart disease which strikes down young children, especially the "ill-fed, ill-clothed, ill-housed" children of the poor.

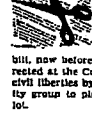
Heart disease is due to three main causes — congenital conditions, infections and degenerative processes. A great deal of attention has been given recently to the new surgical techniques for correcting the congenital condition found in "blue babies." But such congenital conditions account for only about 5% of the heart disease among children. The remaining 95% come from the highly infectious rheumatic fever, which damages the valves of the young heart and causes early death or permanent disability.

As to the specific causes for degenerative heart disease very little is known, but they are probably related to advancing years, Overwork and overworry aggravate such conditions, however, and shorten lives by 10, 15 or 20 years. The main problem for this type of cardiac patient is to find a way to eliminate the twin evils — overwork and overworry. But how to do this in a cut-throat capitalist world? Physicians who have a fine understanding of the physical, emotional and social maladjustments of the cardiac cripple cannot tell him how to end overwork and overworry.

In his book, "What You Can Do For Angina Pectoris and Coronary Occlusion," Dr. Peter Steincrohn has this not-so-awfully-consoling advice for heart patients: "These are the successful failures. They are the ones who accomplish much for their generation, but, like the busy bees, they die off sooner than the rest of the hive. They pay for that inward satisfaction of accomplishment with the priceless coin of shortened years."

Notes From The News

Herman Talmadge, ousted pretender to the post of Governor in Georgia, is going to tour the South in a series of lectures with the fascist demagogue, Gerald L. K. Smith, in preparation for next year's elections.



The Socialist Workers Party is working for the defeat of the Larson-Wagner-Dickinson bill, now before the Minnesota Legislature. Directed at the Communist Party, the bill menaces civil liberties by violating the rights of a minority group to place candidates on the state ballot.

Nation-wide indignation has forced the Senate to grant a press gallery card to Negro newspaperman Louis Lautier.

Members of the Los Angeles CIO Newspaper Guild voted unanimously last week to stay away from films until the current studio dispute is ended. (California law prevents the calling of a boycott.)

James Burnham's new book, The Struggle for the World, which calls for atomic war against the USSR, is getting a big build-up in the capitalist press. Life will carry a long condensation of it and several magazines are printing chapters.

A secretary employed by the UN was fouiid on the verge of tears after Truman's speech. She said she had left a good job to come to the UN, but now it seemed a "sad mistake."

The Texas Company, whose oil interests in the Middle East are being protected by Truman's program for Greece and Turkey, last week announced that in 1946 it enjoyed a consolidated net profit, excluding European subsidiaries, of over 71 million dollars after taxes and reserves for depreciation, etc.

Put Campbell Soups on your unfair list. It broke off negotiations with the CIO after its contract lapsed this week.

The CIO Executive Board has instructed officials of affiliated internationals and industrial union councils to build the CIO-PAC and not to identify themselves with either the PCA or ADA.

There were over 400,000 industrial injuries in California last year, of which 185,000 were serious. The state's manufacturing industries employ 705,800 workers.

Flint Progressives Win In Chevrolet Elections

By Sol Dollinger

FLINT, Mar. 22 — Continuing their sweep in the large UAW Chevrolet Local 659, the Progress and Action Caucus, headed by Don Chapman for president, carried all positions in the local union elections by a large majority. Over 3,500 members cast their votes in recording this solid victory.

This was the hardest fought election in the history of the local and perhaps any local for its size in the UAW International. It must be noted that all three groups campaigned for office on programmatic issues.

However, it remained for Progress and Action to carry the fight on all questions facing the workers today. It did this from beginning to end. In the last week of the runoff, the three groups issued a dozen leaflets throughout the Chevrolet plants. They covered all the issues in the campaign.

JOHNSON ELECTED

Among the candidates elected were Kermit Johnson, Recording Secretary, and Harrison Johnson, the first Negro in Chevrolet ever elected to a union office. He polled the top vote out of six candidates for Executive Board at Large.

In the course of the campaign, Progress and Action smoked out Tax Owens, incumbent president, and his position on the proposed city property tax increase. Progress and Action hit heavily on this issue in the latter part of the campaign. It proposed to tax the rich instead of the already overburdened auto workers.

On March 16 the Chevrolet Labor Party Committee republished Tax Owens' stand which favored a property tax increase on small homeowners, the vast majority of auto workers. The Committee, as reported in the last issue of The Militant, solidly condemned any increase.

It called upon the auto workers to vote against the tax increase and recommended that all GM workers support Carl Johnson, Lawrence Jones, Chairman of the Labor Party Committee and a veteran, and Jack Palmer, elected Vice-President of 659, for the office of Flint Board of Education. All three workers are members of the Chevrolet local.

OWENS REPUDIATED

It is to the credit of the Chevrolet militants that, while engrossed in a hot local union election, they still found time to handle the pressing broad problems of taxation. In less than a week, petitions for the three candidates were signed and this morning submitted to the city clerk.

"I am in favor of school improvements and a wage increase for all school employes," Lawrence Jones asserted to the press. "It is my belief that all taxation should be levied on the principle of ability to pay. That means we must tax the rich who can afford it and refrain from any other taxes on small home owners—who are groaning under present onerous taxation.

"Every man, woman, and child in this state is paying an average of $480 in taxes each year. Forty per cent of an auto worker's income goes to maintain the state and national institutions. This is too much!

"I believe, as an auto worker and a veteran, that any further taxation must be levied against General Motors and the other corporations in Flint. That is the answer to the tax problem."

Tax Owens, whose position was decisively repudiated in the Labor Party Committee and now by the local union, issued a last-minute statement to the CIO Council paper attempting to paper a wet blanket on the progressive developments towards independent political action. Owens claimed the Labor Party was "doomed" because it voted against tax increases. The Chevrolet workers have given their answer by voting Owens out of office.

CLEAR UNDERSTANDING

The newly elected officers have shown every indication that they understand the clear mandate of the membership. They intend to aggressively carry through their campaign obligations and build a Labor Party by a full scale activity around the School Board elections. This includes approaching the leadership and rank-and-file of the other locals for support.

Local 659, situated in the second largest auto building city in the country and the heart of the GM empire, is in a position to exert real influence among the auto workers. By steadfast, persistent and conscientious work, it can play an important part in showing UAW members the way out of the present blind alley the union is in. Every auto worker should study the developments and program of the Chevrolet workers and apply them in his own local.

Local 659's New President Issues Statement On Policy

FLINT, Mar. 22 — The following statement for the press was issued here by Don Chapman, newly elected president of UAW-CIO Chevrolet Local 659, and head of the Progress and Action Caucus:

"The Progress and Action Caucus and I, as its successful candidate for president of Chevrolet Local 659, have won a sweeping victory. We represent precisely what our name implies — progress and action.

"Despite the fact we have been forced to vote with Reuther in the past on some union issues, we support neither of the two power caucuses in the International Union. The Thomas and Reuther groups, like Nero, are fiddling while Rome burns.

"We will give our wholehearted support to any either of both groups whenever they present the auto workers with a militant, aggressive, fighting program.

"Their present bickering over posts and office provokes nothing less than bitter disappointment in every worker anxiously watching their antics.

"As elected officers we will exert every effort to get the International officers out of their present factional rut and on the high road to a clear cut fight to defend the auto workers' sorely depressed standard of living.

"We believe this can only be accomplished through a serious struggle for the following:

"1. United conferences of all labor, AFL, CIO, and independent unions on a city, state, and built up to a national scale. This is part of the answer to Congress' attempt to legislate labor out of existence.

"2. The immediate formation of a national Labor Party, based solidly on the union movement. This is also part of our answer to Congress.

"3. An escalator clause in every union contract whereby a sliding scale of wage increases will be granted for every percentage increase in prices. This is our answer to employer created inflation.

"Around this program we intend to unite the GM workers in Flint."

Bartell Hits War Plans In Address Over Radio

The concluding remarks in a speech delivered by Michael Bartell, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Mayor of Chicago, over Station WJJD on Mar. 23:

I want to state the position of the Socialist Workers Party on the Truman Doctrine clearly and unambiguously. We are entirely and unconditionally against this doctrine.

We are categorically opposed to intervention in Greece, Turkey or anywhere else. We demand withdrawal of all American troops and military missions from foreign soil.

We are for the complete independence of the colonial peoples.

We are against the new imperialist war that is now in preparation. We call upon all those who wish to stop a new atomic war to fight against it before it is too late. Fight against all conscription and military training bills. Demand that the war-making power be taken out of the hands of the President and Congress, and vested directly in the people through a national referendum on the question of war.

Even before terms of the "peace" treaties closing World War II are agreed upon, World War III is being planned.

Three wars in one generation — what a damning indictment of the capitalist order! We must find a way to stop these madmen before they lead all of humanity to destruction. The only real answer to Truman's doctrine of unbridled American imperialism is to abolish the decadent capitalist system.

War is as much a part of the capitalist system as profits and wages. As long as capitalism continues, wars are inevitable. Only a world socialist society can eliminate exploitation and national hatreds, and insure peace and plenty for all mankind.

New Jersey SWP Runs Candidates For Convention

NEWARK, Mar. 25 — Nominating petitions are now being circulated to place three Socialist Workers Party candidates on the ballot as delegates for the forthcoming New Jersey Constitutional Convention. Alan Kuhlman, William E. Bohannon and George Breitman will represent the SWP in Essex County in the special election to be held June 3.

The present State Constitution, written in 1844, is considered outmoded by all political tendencies, including the Republican and Democratic parties. In his inaugural address in January, Republican Governor Driscoll called for revision, and the State Legislature adopted a bill calling for a special election to decide on the question of revision and to elect delegates for a convention.

An analysis of the issues involved in the revision of the constitution as well as reports on the election activities of the SWP will be printed in The Militant.

M. BARTELL

SWP Calls For Labor Unity Against Red-Baiting In L.A.

LOS ANGELES, March 22 — The Socialist Workers Party here has appealed to all local unions and working class political parties to join in protest against the City Council's unanimous resolution endorsing Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach's proposal to outlaw the Communist Party (Stalinist).

Myra Tanner Weiss, Los Angeles SWP organizer, and Louis Kisner, SWP candidate for City Council in District 15, charged in a telegram to the Council that Schwellenbach's scheme "is a travesty on the democratic and constitutional rights of the American workers.

"Each of you by your vote has earned the condemnation of the entire labor movement. We demand an immediate reversal of the Council's stand and a cessation of the red-baiting, anti-union drive you have been conducting."

The SWP letter to all labor organizations points out that the witch-hunt against "Communists" is designed to weaken and divide the labor movement in the midst of the anti-labor drive of Big Business.

"We have basic political differences with the Stalinists," the letter states, "but as always we propose to fight unitedly against all anti-labor, repressive moves of Big Business."

The letter proposes that labor protest the Council's action and further urges "that all labor organizations withdraw any support given to so-called 'progressive' members of the City Council who voted for this outrageous resolution."

Merger Of Relief Committees Will Aid Needy Europeans

NEW YORK, Mar. 22 — The American Committee For European Workers Relief announced last week that Labor Action European Relief Service has discontinued its separate activities and fused with the ACEWR.

Supporters of the LAERS will join ACEWR chapters in their vicinities and help form new chapters where none exist. The working-class families helped by each organization have been merged. Needless to say, this will be of immediate benefit to anti-fascists in Europe who depend upon international solidarity for nourishing food and warm clothing.

The ACEWR has just completed a shipment of medicines to Europe, including $160 worth of streptomycine which was requested by the French committee, Solidarite Internationale Ouvriere. The medicine will be used to treat an anti-fascist worker suffering from a serious kidney ailment this city this drug is unobtainable in France — can cure.

Donations of this type are made possible by such ACEWR chapters as Philadelphia, which already has on display a donation can specifically for medicines. Also the Boston chapter, which so far during the month of March sent in over $350 raised through their Italian Night Dinner Party.

The New York ACEWR Chapter is showing Joris Ivens' famous movie Spanish Earth at Carvan Hall, 110 East 59th St., Friday, March 28. Following the movie there will be dancing and refreshments. Among the anti-fascists aided by the ACEWR are Spanish refugees living in France.

The ACEWR is in urgent need of money to purchase food for the month of April. In order to insure a steady flow of relief packages to the list of recipients now enlarged through the merger, all those wishing to help these needy workers and their families are urged to send a donation of food, clothing or money today. $10 will send 22 pounds of food to Holland, Belgium, France, Greece, Italy, Austria, Poland or Germany. $1.54 pays the postage on an 11 pound package of food, clothing or medicine.

Make checks or money orders payable to American Committee for European Workers Relief, and send to 197 Second Avenue, New York 3, N. Y.

Santa Monica City Council Vote Shows Carter, Mireles Strength

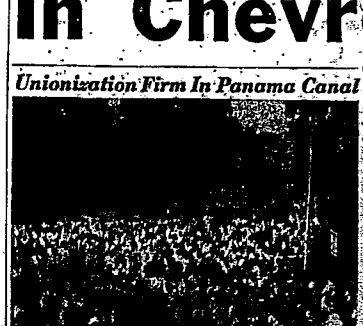
By J. Hawkins

SANTA MONICA, Mar. 22 — In the special election for the City Council held here on Tuesday, Welford P. Carter, Negro leader, and Salvadore Mireles, Mexican minority leader, piled up big votes in a free-for-all contest between 49 candidates.

With the seven highest elected at large, Carter gained twelfth place with 2,243 votes; Mireles was 19th with 1,893 votes. Both Carter and Mireles rejected alliances with the other candidates, and campaigned together on programs calling for minority rights, improved and equal distribution of educational and recreational facilities, and guarantees of the rights of labor to strike and picket.

The size of their votes indicates that Carter and Mireles received wide support outside their communities. Failure to win has not brought discouragement as these communities because they feel they are in a stronger position to demand minority rights now that they have put up a strong fight. For the first time here the Negro and Mexican communities drew close together in their campaign efforts. It is a good sign that the Good Government League, Negro organization formed to campaign for Reverend Carter, has decided to continue functioning in the future. They are already talking about how they will improve their next campaign.

Unionization Firm In Panama Canal



'Some of the 20,000 CIO United Public Workers in the Panama Canal Zone who paraded recently to prove the union was there to stay. This demonstration refuted the predictions of local officials and brass hats who predicted six months ago that unionization of the workers would not last.

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